

Minutes of the November 8, 2006 Meeting

The meeting of the Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance was brought to order by President James Cordes KI8JD at 7:45PM.

Secretary Report – Richie K8JX gave the October 11,th 2006 secretary's report. There were no additions/corrections to the report. The report was accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report – Jerry W8MSK said we had a balance as of the October meeting of \$2016.55. With several deposits and payouts, we have a balance of \$1957.85. We have a balance of \$141.75 in the entertainment fund. There were no additions/corrections to the report. The report was accepted as read.

Committee Reports.

2-Meter Net Coordinator: No Report

Trustee--Technical Committee: Rich K8JX and Larry KC8KVR installed the linear amplifier and the results were stunning. Bruce WD8KPQ, who couldn't hear us in his drive way, now reported the repeater was full scale! Wayne KB8VOZ also reported a significant increase in our systems coverage. Larry KC8KVR reported the repeater was only putting out 18watts. We're now up to 125 Watts. Rich K8JX said the clock still won't take right time so he is going to update the firmware some time this coming weekend, if time allows.

Membership Report- No Report.

Special Event Report: Chris KC8MIL and Larry KC8KVR are going to set up antenna's this coming Friday. This time, we'll meeting in the back of the facility, the NCO building. Chris said Bruce WD8KPQ is going to bring his radio and Jerry may bring his 160 meter dipole. We then had a discussion on the QSL cards we'll be offering.

Peg reported that her women's club had come up with 7 boxes of donations for the 'wish List" for the veterans. Peg had also spent \$50.00 and had bought 5 sets of sweat pants and shirts. This is from our club. Larry and Chris wanted all to know that there are many other events going on this coming weekend.

Web Everything is going smoothly.

Great Lakes Awards- Larry KC8KVR reported we had one new submission:ONL593, from Belgium.

After Christmas dinner party. Marion said the dinner will be on February 10, 2007, at the same restaurant as last year's dinner. Brann's steak house.

Chris wanted to know who won the latest Fox Hunt. Larry KC8KVR said he and Wayne KB8VOZ, THE DREAM TEAM, were the winners. Larry mentioned that two new hams showed up at the hunt, and while didn't know anything about what a Fox Hunt was, joined in the hunt for the first time. They really enjoyed themselves!

Old Business

Larry KC8KVR wanted to know if Wayne KB8VOZ had talked with the State of Mi officer about relocating our trailer to a better space. Wayne said he hadn't but he would let Larry know when he would.

There was no further Old Business.

New Business

Larry KC8KVR has been talking with other ham's about how the Field Day 2006 event had gone for their clubs. They all had reported a dismal showing. Larry thought maybe there could be one large, all clubs, all hams, participating in one Field Day Event.

Rich K8JX said that our Field Day 2006 scores are now posted on the ARRL web site. GRARA did beat us again, but they had other stations in operation.

Jim mentioned that when he mailed our last newsletters, he had done so at the new Walker station. He saw on TV tonight that some employee's had been arrested for throwing mail away!

Jim mentioned that several of our members had not received their latest newsletter.

Rich K8JX said he had entered our newsletter into the Great Lakes newsletter contest. But there almost wasn't a contest, due to a small number of club's entering their newsletter.

Jim KI8JD said he had placed the Special Home for Veteran's wish list and freq.'s on the last page, so people could tear it out, if they wished.

Jim KI8JD asked if there were any further nominations for club offices for the year 2007.

For President Richie Ranta K8JX
Larry KC8KVR declined.

For Vice President Wayne Dowling KB8VOZ

For Secretary Char Reffeor WD8LGN

For Treasurer Jerry Wittkoski W8MSK

The secretary will mail out ballots to all club members.

There was no further New Business.

We then had a general discussion on whether we should change the by-laws, so in cases like this, we wouldn't have to mail out ballots.

Rich K8JX made a motion to adjourn,
Wayne KB8VOZ seconded the motion

The meeting ended at 8:24 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Ranta K8JX
Secretary
Report amended at the December 13, 2006 meeting.