



Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance

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Minutes of the November 14, 2007 Meeting

- The meeting of the Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance was brought to order by President Richard Ranta K8JX at 7:34 P.M. There were eleven members present. President Richie K8JX had us introduce ourselves.
- **Secretary Report** – Char WD8LGN read the Aug. 8, 2007 secretary's report. There were no corrections. The motion to approve was made by Wayne KB8VOZ seconded John NF8P. It was accepted. There was no meeting in September or October.
- **Treasurer's Report** – Jerry W8MSK read the treasurers report. There was a new balance of 1196.55. All bills were paid and the total income was \$361.60 from the Operation Care Labor Day event. We have an ending balance of \$1428.14. The report was accepted as read.
- **Trustee--Technical Committee:** Rich K8JX reported that the repeater's doing fine now. We do still get transmissions from the Wisconsin repeater. John NF8P made the motion to accept seconded by Char WD8LGN. The report was accepted.

Committee Reports

- **Special Events** Veterans Day, Sunday, November 11th was a success. More veterans than usual stopped by since the event was posted on site. There was a very good response from veterans on the air.
- **Newsletter:** Rich K8JX reported that the newsletters will go out within two weeks. Please submit articles.
- **Web Master:** Rich K8JX has a lot of new pictures to post.
- **Repeater Site:** Larry KC8KVR will spray in the spring. All is well for now.
- **Bereavement:** No report
- **2-Meter Net Coordinator:** Going along fine.
- **Alternative Fund Raising:** Wayne KB8VOZ mentioned that the Shiner's sell Vidalia Onions each spring and that seems to be a successful event for them.
- **Operation Care:** No report.
- **Field Day:** Mike K8OOK had no report. He's waiting for the final results in QST magazine.
- **Membership:** Nothing new.

Old Business

- Rich K8JX reported that Jerry and Mike received plaques for their efforts at the Field Day Event.



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- John NF8P questioned what certificates we still award. There are a lot of older ones we don't do anymore.
- Fox Hunts: Bruce WD8KPQ suggested we do not wait until August to begin the hunts. That leaves too little time to hold said events

New Business

*Nominations: We closed the nominations for Officers with the present board to be nominated after President Richie made the motion 3 times and it was accepted.

The nominations are: President: Richard Ranta K8JX
 Vice President: Wayne Dowling KB8VOZ
 Treasurer: Jerry Wittkoski
 Secretary: Charlotte Reffeor WD8LGN

*Change in By-laws: President Rich K8JX made a motion that Article 10A of the by-laws would be changed to read:

10 A. Monthly meetings must have a minimum of five (5) members, who must be in good standing with the club. Two (2) of the members must be board members.

The vote passed as presented and will be read and voted upon again at next month's meeting.

*Our annual after Christmas Party was discussed and Jerry W8MSK suggested that we hold it in January of 2008 to prevent conflict with the New Ham Dinner.

*The Steepletown Building people would like us to paint the downstairs hall. It was decided that Rich K8JX will get more information and we will make a discussion.

*New Ham nominations should go out soon.

*For Operation Care Leonard W8SPX suggested if we need more cookies than those donated that we give donor a chance to give us a price on the purchase of more.

The motion to adjourn was made by Jerry W8MSK and seconded by Bruce WD8KPQ. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:
Charlotte Reffeor, Secretary, MARA