

Minutes of the December 10, 2008 Meeting

The meeting of the Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance was brought to order by President Richard Ranta K8JX at 7:30 PM. There were ten members present. President Richie K8JX had us introduce ourselves.

Secretary Report – Marian read the Nov 12, 2008 secretary's report. There were no corrections. Report approved.

Treasurer's Report. Jerry W8MSK gave the treasurer's report. He corrected the last meetings balance to \$2108.65. After disbursements, there is now a total of \$1949.52. Dues money can be paid any time. Report accepted and approved by Mike K8OOK.

Committee reports – Nothing new for Alternative Fund Raising, Bereavement, Operation Care. Great Lakes Award. Membership and Trustee.

Special Events – thanks to Larry Dells, KC8KVR for a successful event on Nov 8 & 9. Next year Veterans' day falls on Wed. It was decided to have this event on the weekend before, for 2 days on the 7 & 8 of Nov.. Total cost of postage for this year's event was \$47.06 per KC8KVR.

Old Business – Thanks to Dan N8NIJ for much need help on the spaghetti dinner. 1st time and we felt it went well. It was a learning process. We will plan another dinner either in March or April, 2009.

News letter got out late – computer died. Printer bad. Updating for 2009.

Repeater cite is fine, repeater o.k.

One member will be 90 in Jan. 2009, Ed – W8NZW. Jerry will send a card out.

Bruce WD8KPQ brought up the newsletter mailing of hard copies. Copies should be sent only to members without a computer, members with computers should get it on their computers. Can go to the web site and print it out. This saves money over a period of a year. Courtesy copies will still be sent out. Bruce will write up changes to by-laws on e-mail vs hard copies of news letters. Discussion followed.

Amend B-Law 9-B "The dues for family membership should be \$25.00. A family membership shall receive one copy of the club's newsletter by mail.

Mike K800K gave a report of field day, placed Cat 3, Ohio and Michigan are the largest participants. 1st had 5092 contacts, 2nd 4086.

Net workers needed, positions filled through 1-22-2009. The after Christmas dinner on 1-17-2009 at Brann's on 28th St. SE. 6:00 PM. White elephant event will again be held. We will try and contact people who usually come to the dinner whether a member or not.

New Business –

Election of officers was held. We had 11 ballots, the slate will remain the same, Richard Ranta President K8JX, Vice-President Wayne Dowling KB8VOZ. Char Reffeor WD8LGN and Treasurer Jerome Wittkoski, W8MSK.

USA/QSL cards discussed, want new ones made.

Motion to adjourn was by Bruce WD8KPQ, 2nd by Dan N8NIJ, meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted
Marian Dowling, acting secretary.