



Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance

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Minutes of the December 12, 2007 Meeting

- The meeting of the Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance was brought to order by President Richard Ranta K8JX at 7:37 P.M. There were eleven members present. President Richie K8JX had us introduce ourselves.
- **Secretary Report** – Char WD8LGN read the November 14, 2007 secretary's report. There were no corrections. The motion to approve was made by Larry KC8KVR seconded Bruce WD8KPQ. It was accepted.
- **Treasurer's Report** – Char WD8LGN read the treasurer's report. There was balance from last report was \$1428.14. The income total was \$77.50. There were no expenses. We have an ending balance of \$1505.64. The Entertainment fund balance is \$191.15. The motion to approve the report was made by Wayne KB8VOZ seconded by Rich K8JX. It was accepted.
- **Trustee--Technical Committee:** Rich K8JX reported that the repeater's doing fine now. No issues at the moment.
- **Change in By-Laws:** President Rich K8JX reread the 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.

After some discussion about the important issues which may come up it was decided that we would table those until a larger number of members were present at a meeting. The vote passed as presented and will be read and voted upon again at next month's meeting.

Committee Reports

- **Special Events** Veterans Day is on for next year. Tuesday, November 11th. Larry KC8KVR presented those who participated with certificates. Next year he plans to have time slots to prevent interference between stations.
- **Newsletter:** Rich K8JX reported that the newsletters should be completed by tomorrow.
- **Web Master:** Rich K8JX reported that the web is up to date. Bruce WD8KPQ said that the 2 Meter Net listing is helpful for keeping a record of the volunteers and making sure each week is covered.
- **Repeater Site:** Nothing new
- **Bereavement:** No report
- **2-Meter Net Coordinator:** Set through January 10th 2008.
- **Alternative Fund Raising:** Nothing new.



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- **Field Day:** Mike reported we had 214th place. We had 566 QSO's and 2300 Points. There were 1,200,000 QSO's entered at ARRL for field day. 2,331 log entries, 34,833 QSO's per hour during the weekend nationwide.
- **Membership:** Nothing new.

Old Business

- Our after Christmas dinner will be January 19th at Brann's Restaurant on 28th St. It will start at 6 P.M. Peg passed the sale of tickets to Marian who suggested we pass the job around with each person taking 6 months. Also there will be a drawing for door prizes with entries from the sold tickets with a name on the back.

New Business

- Election: Char and Marian counted the ballots for Officers with the present board being elected with a count of 16 votes.
The board will be: President: Richard Ranta K8JX
Vice President: Wayne Dowling KB8VOZ
Treasurer: Jerry Wittkoski W8MSK
Secretary: Charlotte Reffeor WD8LGN
- The New Ham Dinner will tentatively be held at "Fire Mountain Restaurant" on Alpine Ave. Plans are still being made.
- Ham of the Year nominations are so far:
Tom Hansen N8DGD
Sam Nabkey K8SN
Lee Burgess W8ZP
Richard Ranta K8JX
- Louis White N8ZVB has his radio and 6 meter beam for sale.
- John NF8P paid his dues for 2008. Char WD8LGN will turn the money over to Jerry W8MSK.

The motion to adjourn was made by Richie K8JX and seconded by Char WD8LGN. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:
Charlotte Reffeor, Secretary, MARA