

Minutes of the December 13, 2006 Meeting

The meeting of the Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance was brought to order by President James Cordes KI8JD at 7:47PM.

President Jim KI8JD had us introduce ourselves.

Secretary Report – Richie K8JX gave the November 8, th 2006 secretary's report. There were corrections to the report. The treasurer adjusted the balance and deposit amounts by \$1.00. There were no additions/corrections to the report. The report was accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report – Jerry W8MSK reported that we have a balance as of the November meeting of \$1957.85. With several deposits and payouts, we have a balance of \$1964.36. We have a balance of \$190.25 in the entertainment fund. There were no additions/corrections to the report. The report was accepted as read.

Committee Reports.

Trustee--Technical Committee: Rich K8JX said he has a new firmware update he is planning to install on the controller, perhaps this coming weekend. It may take care of the 3 minute lag we're experiencing. Otherwise, the repeater is doing great. Larry KC8KVR reported that during his recent deer hunting, he could hear the repeater better than ever.

Membership Report- Mike K8OOK asked for feedback on the welcome new hams pamphlet he created. He was hoping to hear more constructive comments and is open to receiving them. Mike plans on handing them out to new hams and also hams that we can identify through ham callsign license plates.

On the Field-Day event, Grara did beat us again this FD, but Mike feels we should keep it between clubs, not all together in one big effort.

Special Event Report: Larry KC8KVR will contact Chris KC8MIL regarding getting the Special Event QSL's mailed out. He also has one new Great Lakes Award. ONL13T3. A short-wave listener. It has taken him 14 years to gather sufficient QSL's in order to get an amateur license. Larry wrote him a nice letter back.

2-Meter Net Coordinator: Bruce WD8KPQ asked if more members would sign up. He feels it would make for a more interesting net. (and give Rich k8jx and Bruce a rest)

Web Everything is going smoothly.

Old Business

Larry KC8KVR thought we should remove the line that says "we also hold 50/50" from the pamphlet Mike K8OOK is making. Jim asked what the members thought, and it was the general consensus that the line be removed.

Jim KI8JD also reminded people that this coming Saturday is the ARGYL swap.

There was no further Old Business.

New Business

Larry KC8KVR thought we should start the invitation to submit Ham's for the "Western Michigan Ham of the Year Award" earlier. He also wanted to know if we could put it in our next issue of the Open-Feed-Line. Rich K8JX said we were going to keep a list of the ham's submitted for the award instead of asking a new each year for nominations.

Jim asked if there was any further New Business. There wasn't. Jim said it was time to count the ballots for next years offices.

Larry KC8KVR counted the ballots: a total of 11 were submitted. All of the nominated people were elected.

For 2007,

President Rich K8JX

Vice President Wayne KB8VOZ

Secretary Char WD8LGN

Treasurer Jerry W8MSK

Rich K8JX thanked Jim KI8JD for doing a great job as president in 2006.

Jim KI8JD handed over the keys to the church and repeater site to Rich K8JX.

Bruce WD8KPQ asked if he could look over the QSL cards from the Veterans Home special event station. He and Larry went through the cards. Larry will contact Chris yet this week.

Rich K8JX made a motion to adjourn,
Bruce WD8KPQ seconded the motion

The meeting ended at 8:26 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Ranta K8JX
Secretary