



Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance

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The following are the tentative minutes of the March 13, 2013 MARA meeting subject to correction and/or approval at the next meeting.

The March 13th, 2013 MARA meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM. The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion to approve by Corey KD8SZZ, 2nd by Peg, passed.

Treasurer's Report: we had a starting balance of \$2641.23. We paid out \$25.00 and \$245.00 for liability insurance. Ending balance \$2371.23. Motion to approve by Larry KC8KVR, 2nd by Barton N8XQH, passed.

Trustee's Report: Rich received phone call from T & W: Dave decided to give us the used repeater he had mention before. Rich passed around a photograph of the Racktrack Radios. Rob is looking into getting a controller for the rig. Larry KC8KVR inspected the repeater site and we have not be down there in over 2 years. Larry mentioned we are going to install the remote control device this year and wanted Rich to look into getting a DVR. Report accepted as read.

Committee Reports:

Great Lakes Award: Larry KC8KVR discovered the new award required an oversized envelope. It would bring the cost of shipping up. He has reduced the size of the award so it will fit into a smaller size envelope. He also is going to investigate changing the award so there will be more room for large names. Larry presented a bill for software he has used in making some of these changes. Dan N8NIJ made a motion to reimburse Larry, 2nd by Rich K8JX. Passed.

Bereavement: nothing to report.

Field Day: We had a general discussion over where we might hold FD this year. GRARA has invited us to share a location and special event call sign. We also talked about holding it at Larry and Pegs. We tabled further discussion till next month.

Fund Raising: Dan N8NIJ has already bought the fish sandwiches and needs funds to secure the other groceries we'll need for the Burger event. We will also have to see what other members have in the way of plastic server wear, eating utensils, napkins, ect.

Barton N8XQH made a motion to give Dan funds for the event, 2nd Rich K8JX. Passed.

Membership: not present.



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Newsletter: It's out! Rich thanked Larry KC8KVR and Barton N8XQH for proofing the Newsletter.

2 Meter Net: we have about 2 weeks of net controls and look in good shape. Cory KD8SZZ offered to take the March 28th Net.

We then had a general discussion around how to propagate an RF signal between GR and Lansing. While there's nothing to be done at the Repeater site, the other station may try and use a beam and a linear.

Webmaster: The webmaster wasn't present but she has made changes by putting up a photo gallery and updated our membership roster.

OLD Business: Since Mike wasn't present tonight, we will table the suggested tweaks to the nominating process in the By-Laws. Motion to table was made by Jerry W8MSK and 2nd by Corey KD8SZZ. It passed.

Barton then shared how the "New Hams Dinner" had been. Jerry W8MSK and Corey KD8SZZ had attended and had a great time.

Barton then brought up the club links that were on the web site. Some of this club links haven't been updated in years. He also thought we should go through the Resource Links and see if we really want to have any of them. Barton may have the board check out the links and see if they're really active and we still want them.

There was no further Old Business.

New Business: Larry KC8KVR handed Cory KD8SZZ a Great Lakes application form and gave him directions on how to earn it.

Larry asked Matt KD8SOR if he was still using the club's 2 meter radio: he stated he isn't and will return it. Larry already has another new ham in mind to use it. Larry then handed around a letter offering "Tech and General License upgrade in a day". Larry is very upset at this and we held a discussion on this topic. Larry may write to both the party who sent it to him and the ARRL.

Jerry W8MSK has received several tickets. He is willing to give them away, first come first serve.

There was no further New Business;

Barton entertained a motion by Matt KD8SOR to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Barton. The meeting ended at 8:35PM

Respectively submitted, Rich Ranta K8JX for Mike K8OOK MARA club secretary.