



Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance

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

The November 13th, 2013 MARA meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM. The following were in attendance: N8XQH, K8OOK, KC8KVR, K9BOJ, KD8NSU, KD8UCP, N8NIJ, K8JX, KD8JB, KD8SOR, W8MSK and KD8ULU via Skype.

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. KD8ULU clarified that he would not be using Echo-link, but another system thru Handi-Hams. Motion to approve by Larry, 2nd by Jerry, passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Previous balance was \$2631.65, received \$26 from dues, \$65 from 50/50, gross proceeds from Burger Nite were \$579.00. New balance is \$3041.65. Food costs were \$228.69 leaving a net profit for Burger Nite of \$360.31. A \$50 pay out recorded at the Sept meeting was in error. Dan made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Mike Hood, passed. Jerry made a motion, 2nd by Larry to make December Wayne Dowling Memorial Month for the club, passed.

Trustee's Report: Nothing

Committee Reports

Great Lake Award: Nothing

Bereavement: None

Field Day/Special Events:

- Field Day results: N5KWN was first in our category with 694 QSOs and 2744 points, W8USA was second with 777 QSOs and 2712 points.
- A new location will be needed for Field Day 2014 as Larry is moving.
- WD8RER suggested on the net that the club have a balloon launch to include ham radio. Larry read facts involved with a launch which would be dedicated to Wayne. Comstock Park, Northview, and Rockford schools would be invited to participate and Tom will contact them. Cost and info will be on the website soon, further updates at the next meeting. Cost could be \$200-\$400. Many FCC and FAA rules would apply. We are working toward a May launch.



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Fund Raising:

- The club thanked Dan for his help. Dan will look for a new date outside of Lent for 2014.

Membership:

- Mike sent an invitation to join MARA to Ron and Cheryl Ricketson, K8LOY and KD8ODB.

Newsletter:

- A new newsletter will be out soon without a ballot because Richard dropped his nomination and no further nominations were received. The present board has no challengers.

2 Meter Net: Good

Webmaster: Nothing New

Old Business

- The President asked 3 times if there were any further nominations for the 2014 board. There were none, and none received thru the mail. Richard withdrew his name so there are no challengers for the present board.

New Business

- Larry thought Silent Keys should not be shown on the active roster, they will not be shown.
- Presto Print on Plainfield can give a good deal on QSL cards, 100 - 4 color cards for \$22.50.
- A former member contacted the Secretary with a couple suggestions for the minutes. Nr. 1, that the calls of all of the attending members be shown in the minutes, the majority said yes. Nr 2, that calls, not only names be shown for various votes, etc. in the minutes, the majority left that to the Secretary's discretion.

Richard made a motion, 2nd by Erin, to adjourn at 8:32 PM, passed.

Submitted by Mike, K800K, MARA Secretary.