



Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance
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The following are the tentative minutes of the Jan 8th, 2014 MARA meeting subject to correction and/or approval at the next meeting.

The January 8th, 2014 MARA meeting was called to order at 7:39PM. Introductions were given. The following were in attendance: N8XQH, KD8NSU, KD8UCP, KC9PWL, K8PZ, KC8YOE, KC8KVR and Peg, K8JX, N8GS, K8OOK, and W8MSK.

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion to approve by Richard, 2nd by Jerry, passed.

Treasurer's Report: The previous balance was \$3041.65, payouts include \$120.00 to T&W for tower rental, \$20 to Jerry for filing the State Annual Reports. Received \$81.31 from Dan - left over from Burger Nite Purchases, \$73.00 from 50/50 drawings. New balance is \$3055.96, motion to approve by Richard, 2nd by Peg, passed.

Trustee's Report:

On Jan 1st, Richard filed tech reports to the Michigan Repeater Council. The repeater is in good shape. The SATERN group has the repeater on several occasions. Motion to approve by Mike, 2nd by Jason, passed.

Committee Reports

Great Lakes Award: certificate #306 issued to Joe, KF7PVM. Older, larger certificates will be issued when we can hand-deliver, otherwise e-certificates or small version sent because of postage costs.

Bereavement: None

Field Day/Special Events: Larry suggested that with the lack of trailers and tents among the membership, Field Day may need to be held at someone's home again this year

Fund Raising: Next Burger Nite will be on April 25th.



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Membership: The Club welcomed Roger, KC9PWL as a new member.

Newsletter: Richard is looking for articles for the next newsletter.

2 meter Net: going good, some newer check-ins lately

Webmaster: W8USA.org domain expires in July. Renewables available for 1, 3, 5 years at \$17.99 + .18 cents per year. Larry made a motion, 2nd by Gale to renew for 5 years, passed. The Website has a RSVP form for the Xmas Party which is at 6 PM on Jan 25th at the Rio Grande on Northland Dr NE, an White Elephant exchange also.

Old Business

- The was much discussion on the ballon launch. Gale showed a chart were touch down could happen on various days depending on upper winds. The discussion included camera's, gps module, programming, tracking, beacons, LIPO batteries, liabilities, receiver for cut down, landing in trees & private property, APRS, arranging people near predicted set-down. Chances of recovery would be 30-40%. Also a smaller test launch might necessary. More discussion at the next meeting with a list of equipment needs being firmed up.

New Business - None

Larry made a motion, 2nd by Gale to adjourn at 8:52 PM, passed

Submitted by Mike, K80OK, MARA Secretary