



Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance  
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The following are the tentative minutes of the Aug 13th MARA meeting subject to correction and/or approval at the next meeting.

The August 13th meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by VP Larry as Barton was delayed by traffic. Introductions were given.

The following were in attendance:

KC8KVR, K8OOK, W8MSK, KC8DJ, K8JX, KD8SZZ, N8GS, KD8JB, KD8WYT, KD8HNF, KD8OHS, KG8PI, KB8WJW, K8TB, K8AJ, KD8NSU, & N8XQH

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. Gale made motion, 2nd by KD8JB, to approve the minutes, passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Previous balance was \$3514.21. Field Day expenses were \$44.09 for gas, \$42.61 for food, took in \$20 for dues, new balance is \$3447.51. Motion to approve by Richard, 2nd by Gale, passed.

Trustee's Report:

Richard talked to Dave at T&W, battery back-up would be OK if no interference to other tenants. Much discussion about battery back-up offers from K8TB and others. Richard made a motion that he with Gale and Larry would check repeater site and allot \$150 for purchase of what they would decide, Barton seconded and up expenses to \$200, passed.

Committee Reports

Field Day/Special Events: Barton reported that we made 379 CW QSOs, 282 SSB QSOs and 450 bonus points for a total score of 2080 points. The same site is reserved for 2015.

2 Meter Net: going fine



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Webmaster: video from FD is now on the website

HAB: none

Fund Raising: Richard will e-mail Dan for a possible October date for our next Burger Nite.

Membership: KC8BCI and N8GIV were sent invitations to join MARA.

Newsletter: possibly in Sept.

Great Lakes Award: inquiry received from #151 requesting a PDF copy of his certificate.

Bereavement: none

Mike Hood gave a demonstration about popular rope tying knots and passed out literature for us to practice.

Old Business

None

New Business

Richard thanked Corey for helping with some tower work.

Tom, K8TB, gave a report about what is going on with the Holland club.

a) W8IO and others on the Lakeshore have started the Michigan VHF/UHF Society.

b) GRARA and Holland have teamed up to start a 8 week General Class at the Grand Rapids Red Cross building on Sept. 24th.



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c) At the Holland Red Cross, VEC exams will be given twice monthly, check their website for details. Also several Ham in Day sessions are planned.

d) Sept 8th, they will have a Skype setup with Mr. Heil from Heil Sound for a Q&A, checked their website.

e) Several local clubs are sponsoring Spark in the Park a ham radio expo, on August 30th at Douglas-Walker Park on 84th St in Bryon Center from 5-9 PM. This is not a flea market but exposition showing the many facets of ham radio. If you would like show off your homebrewed equipment, bring it along.

Corey made a motion to extend membership for 2014 to Nate, KD8WYT for all help with various tower projects, 2nd by Barton, passed.

GRARA's swap is at 8AM on Sept 13th at the Home School Bldg on Burlingame SW in Wyoming.

Richard made a motion, 2nd by Gale, to adjourn at 8:37 PM, passed.

Submitted by Mike, K800K, MARA Secretary