



Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance
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The following are the tentative minutes of the Sept 10th 2014 MARA meeting subject to correction and/or approval at the next meeting.

The Sept 10th meeting was called to order at 730 PM. Introductions were given. The following were in attendance:

N8XQH, KC8KVR, Peg, KD8PVS, KD8UCP, N8GS, KD8SZZ, KD8NSU, K8JX, KD8JB, KD8ZAS, KD8ZAT, K8OOK, KD8SOR, K9BOJ, WX8TOW, K8VOL, K8VOJ, W8MSK, and KD8ULU via Skype.

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. K8JX made a motion, 2nd by KD8JB to approved the minutes, passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Previous balance was \$3447.51, we had deposits of \$25. for dues, and \$67. from 50/50 drawings. New balance is \$3539.51. K8JX made a motion, 2nd by K8VOL to approve the report, passed.

Trustee's Report:

The repeater receiver may be causing the noise, sounds good on the input. Nothing more from T&W or K8TB. Gale has received the switch/battery charger for the repeater. Motion to approve by KD8PVS, 2nd by KD8UCP, passed.

Committee Reports

Field Day/Special Events: We received a request for a QSL card from a FD contact. K8OOK will answer.

2 Meter Net: doing good

Webmaster: Field Day photos and the newsletter are posted now.

HAB: On hold until next spring. Larry did talk to the Superintendent of Northview Schools and explained what we were working on.



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Funding Raising: Friday, Oct 17th is the next Burger Nite. Larry made a motion, 2nd by Barton to allot up to \$400 for the purchase of supplies needed for Burger Nite.

Membership: Invitations to join MARA were sent to the following, K1FJ, WC8G and K9KAL.

Newsletter: It was out a few days ago, Richard welcomes material for the next issue, possibly bio's from the newer members.

Great Lakes Award: none

Bereavement: KD8QQ passed in June, not believe to ever been a member, but we will help take down his antennas.

Old Business

None

New Business

Barton reminded us that nominations for 2015 open next month.

Gale gave a quick rundown on the "Spark in the Park"

There was much discussion about moving and buying a new repeater. The move would be to N8GS's QTH which is much higher than the current site, receiver ant. will be 90 ft high, transmit ant would be 70 ft high, the base of the tower is higher than the present antenna. We would have a \$10 a month electric bill and free internet. Estimated expenses would be about \$1700 for a repeater, \$500 for a controller, \$4-600 for a shelter building. Coax is already installed and our old cans should work but not necessarily needed with separate antennas. A node would be needed for internet, technolink and IRLP systems. Richard made motion to allot \$2800 to the project, 2nd by K9BOJ, passed. But----Jerry then countered with a motion for a detailed expense report before any purchases, 2nd by Erin, this motion passed. Corey then made a motion to spend up to \$600, 2nd by KD8ZAT to build the shelter ASAP because weather



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constraints, this motion passed.

KD8WYT changed his call to N8THN (N8THaN), get it? I didn't.

Larry listed the equipment for sale from Bill Zaidel's estate which will be sold at the GRARA Swap, MARA members have pre-sale first choice.

W1AW/8 operations return to Michigan from 10/15 to 22nd. Some operating slots still open, check with KX8T, maybe it is KT8X to sign up.

remotehamradio.com is said to be an interesting site, check it out.

Richard made a motion, 2nd by John, to adjourn at ???PM, passed

Submitted by Mike, K8OOK, MARA Secretary