



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

The Oct 8th meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM. Introductions were given. The following were attendance:

N8XQH, KD8SZZ, KD8JB, KB8ZGL, N8THN, N8NIJ, K9BOJ, N8GS, K8OOK, W8MSK and KC8KVR.

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. Under New Business, technolink should read Echolink. KD8JB made a motion to approve, 2nd by Gale, passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Previous balance was \$3539.51, checks were wrote to Gale for \$158.67, to N8NIJ for \$400 for Burger Nite supplies, new balance is \$2980.84. Gale made a motion to approve, 2nd by Paul, passed.

Trustee's Report:

N8GS is the new Trustee and reported that the floor for the repeater building is poured and building may be mostly assembled this weekend. The instruction manual for the controller is 522 pages long. He suggested that we order and have the repeater running before ordering the controller. Gale will check out the cans in case they are needed. Barton reported that he has contacted the Repeater Council that he will be updating our repeater status online before the end of the month. Motion to approve by Paul, 2nd by Corey, passed.

Committee Reports

Field Day/Special Events: logging will be hard wired for 2015 compliments of Paul, K9BOJ.

2 Meter Net: Larry, KC8KVR is the new net manager. He will revise the script and also have a equipment for sale listing at the end of each net. We need more net control stations.



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Webmaster: 2014 Board updates are on the Website. E-mails will be properly forwarded by the website to Board Members and committee heads.

Fund Raising: workers for Burger Nite should report about 3PM. Proceeds from the 50/50 drawing at Burger Nite will benefit 5th St Hall's Children's Christmas Party.

Membership: none

Newsletter: Paul, K8BOJ has volunteered to prepared the remaining newsletter for 2014.

Great Lake Award: none

Bereavement: none

Mike, KB8ZGL gave a tech talk and a Q&A about repeaters. Our choice of controllers is good. He has offered his expertise in setting up our new repeater. He suggested that we check out the Raspberry Pie computers. IRLP would allow more repeater use via computers and cell phones, etc.

Corey showed a video about the Yaesu DR1X System Fusion digital repeater and related HT and other compatible rigs.

Old Business

The repeater cost will be \$1,699.95, controller is \$500, cables are \$24, \$19 for shipping, about \$80 for a microphone. Larry offered to purchase the repeater from AES on his credit card as soon as the shed is built. ARRL equipment insurance would cost about \$300 per year. Jerry said our balance would be about \$525 after the purchases. We should receive 15% from the sale of KD8QQ's equipment. Corey made a motion to proceed and also purchase the controller now because of extended shipping time, seconded by Gale, passed.



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New Business

The following nominations were made for the 2015 Board.
Larry nominated Corey, KD8SZZ, for VP, accepted
Larry nominated Jerry, W8MSK, for Treasurer, accepted
Larry nominated Mike, K8OOK, for Secretary, accepted
Corey nominated Barton, N8XQH, for President, accepted
Nominations close at the November meeting.

Erin, our Webmaster, is now a General Class

The repeater move is a Club function, voted-on by the members.

It was suggested that Gale write up a document, signed also by his wife, detailing such information, as access to the property where the repeater will be located when needed.

N8NIJ made a motion, 2nd by Gale, to adjourn at 917 PM, passed

Submitted by Mike, K8OOK, MARA Secretary