



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

The Dec 10th MARA meeting was called to order at 734PM.

December is Wayne Dowling Month and we took a moment of silence in his honor. The following were in attendance:

KD8NSU, N8XQH, KC8KVR, K8OOK, N8NIJ, KD8JB, K9BOJ, KD8SZZ, N8GS, KD8UCP, KD8PVS, KC9PWL, W8MSK, and KD8ULU via Skype.

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. N8GS made a motion, 2nd by KD8JB to approve the minutes, passed.

Larry announced that he would try to make reservation for Jan 31, 2015 at the Rio Grande for our After Christmas party and passed around a sheet for a headcount of those that would attend.

Treasurer's Report:

Previous balance was \$2651.01, because of an accounting error, correct balance should have been and still is \$3400.28. Larry made a motion, 2nd by Barton to approve, passed.

Trustee's Report:

The Diamond repeater antenna was installed on 12/6 at the 105 ft level and the SWR is good. The door was installed on the shed. The inside electrical work is done. Gale built an equipment rack. The cans were double checked and cleaned, they are in good shape. Connectors for the LMR cable were ordered and received. The Michigan Repeater Council needs to be notified within 90 days of the repeater being operational. Corey made a motion to approve the report, 2nd by Paul, passed.

Committee Reports

Bereavement: None



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Field Day/Special Events: Discussion will continue on the number of stations we will have for 2015 Field Day.

2 Meter Net: The following have signed up for Net Control, KD8ULU for 12/11, Larry for 12/18, KD8JB for 12/25, Corey for 1/1

Webmaster: Some announcements updated

Fund raising/Burger Nite: Next Burger Nite is set up for April 24, 2015.

Membership: An invitation sent to W8SDG to join MARA

Newsletter: Should be out this weekend

Great Lake Award: None

Old Business

We are still waiting on a written easement grant to the repeater site.

New Business

Lowell ARC emailed the local clubs asking for input for the date of the New Hams Dinner, Feb 7th or 21st. MARA members in attendance preferred 2/21.

Barton received an email from K2RJK, he makes and sell wood clocks with your ham call. Check QRZ for his email if interested.

Jerry updated the club on SB493 which relates to PRB1 and just where antennas may be installed. Write your representative and voice your opinion.



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There was a discussion about purchasing a Raspberry Pi computer versus lap tops now available in the club for the repeater controller. Corey made a motion, 2nd by Gale to purchase the Pi because of its features, passed.

Larry suggested that we make wide-spread announcements when our new repeater is in operation, touting it's digital capabilities.

Gale reported that during the ARRL SSB Sweepstakes, we worked 79 of the 83 ARRL sections and had around 220 QSOs.

The 2 meter net script is somewhat redundant, KD8JB offered to work on a revision.

We received a check for \$127.50 for our share of the sale of KD8QQ's antenna and/or tower.

MARA's W8USA QSL is quite plain and generic. We are having an informal contest to design a new Club QSL card.

Jason, KD8UCP, has passed his General test, way to go!!!!!!!

Dan made a motion, 2nd by Paul to adjourn at 831 pm, passed.

Submitted by Mike, K8OOK, MARA Secretary