



Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance

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The following are the tentative minutes of the July 8th meeting subject to correction and/or approval at the next meeting.

The July 8th meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM, introductions were given. The following were in attendance:

N8XQH, KD8SZZ, KC8KVR, Peg, KD8JB, KD8ZAT, KC8DJ, K800K, K9BOJ, N8GS, KD8UCP, and W8MSK.

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. Balance in Treasurer's Report should read \$2021.65. KD8JB made a motion to approve as amended, 2nd by Peg, passed

Barton read the minutes of the Field Day meeting. The following corrections were necessary, KD8NRP's call is now KN4CK and Larry was "authorized" not advanced \$300 to reserve MSSC for FD 2016. Number of days needed were discussed, the majority thought Saturday and Sunday is fine. Larry made a motion, 2nd by KD8JB to approve FD meeting minutes as amended, passed.

Treasurer's Report:

The balance is \$2021.65. We paid \$473.18 to Gale which included \$265 to DX Engineering \$21.18 to Auto Zone, \$190 to ARCOM, we paid Larry \$200 to pay to MSSC for FD 2015. \$76 to the Postal Service for box rental. We received \$84 from 50/50 receipts. The new balance is \$1376.47. Jason made a motion to accept, 2nd by Paul, passed.

Trustee's Report:

VU2USA had tried Echolink several times. Gale is stowing FD Coax, the club might sell some of the excess. Larry made a motion to approve the report, 2nd by KD8JB, passed.



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Committee Reports

Webmaster: Absent but she has worked on roster updates

Fund Raising: Construction is done a 5th St Hall and we are waiting for date for Burger Nite.

Bereavement: Lee, W8MLW, a friend of K800K & N8IPG passed away recently.

Newsletter: Paul is looking Field Day photos

Great Lake Award: Nr 304 is in the mail to N1QVQ, mixed band, mixed modes.

Membership: K8CRD visited FD and was quite interested in MARA. N3LFP had a Michigan license plate but QRZ show him still in PA so no invitation was sent.

2 Meter Net: Sign up sheet went around.

Field Day/Special Events: The interface between the radios computers worked great. A small glitch at one of the stations causing a dupe and some lost QSOs but the QSOs did go to the main computer. It was suggest that there be more training before 2016 FD. Barton suggested desk lamps for each position so we can turn off over-head lights to help with sleeping personnel. Although invited, Michigan State Police and Kent County Sheriff did not send representatives. June 25th and 26th are the Field Dates for 2016.



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Old Business

None

New Business

Corey made a motion, 2nd by Barton, to spend up to \$50 to purchase a plaque for the Plainfield Fire Chief for taking the time to check out our FD operations and allowing the Club to use their facilities for our Club meeting, also, letters of appreciation to the Fire Chief and the Township.

K800K told a story about finding a 10-X Club Membership certificate at a non-radio flea market. The certificate was made out to W8GXD. Ed gave Mike his Novice test in 1959.

Mike, KD8JB suggested a G5RV or another antenna for Field Day for quicker band/mode changes when one antenna might be busy on another mode.

Repeater dead spots were discussed. Improvements to the receiving antenna are coming and should help.

Larry made a motion, 2nd by Gale to adjourn at 828 PM, passed!!

Submitted by Mike, K800K, MARA Secretary