



Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance

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The following are the tentative minutes of the May 11th, 2016 MARA meeting subject to correction and/or approval at the next meeting.

The May 11th, 2016 MARA meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Introductions were given and the following were in attendance:

N8XQH, KD8SZZ, W8MSK, N8NIJ, KD8JB, N8GS, K9BOJ, Peg, KD8KZE, KN4CK, KC8KVR, KD8ULU via Skype

The President read the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion to approve by KC8KVR, 2nd by KD8KZE - Minutes Passed

Treasurer's Report:

The previous balance was \$1,264.02
Check to N8NIJ for Burrito Night Food \$400.00
Check to KC8KVR for Henry Amp Repair \$118.00
Deposit for 50/50 \$115.00 and for dues \$25.00 = \$140.00
Craig Otto's dues \$20.00
Check received at Burrito Night \$24.00
Deposit for \$760.75
Check to N8GS for ARRL Insurance \$52.45
Current balance \$1,638.32

Burrito night - Gross Receipts \$641.00
Cash Returned on Food \$109.75
Surplus Food Sales \$34.00
Total 784.75
Profit 384.75

Motion to approve by N8NIJ, 2nd by KC8KVR - Passed



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Trustee's Report:

No news is good news. One connector will be replaced, and will eliminate an unnecessary connector.

Controller firmware now updated.

Motion to approve by KD8SZZ, 2nd by Peg - Passed.

Committee Reports

2 Meter Net: Things going well, and NCS coming up with good topics. Mike K8OOK got a new 2 Meter setup.

05/12 - N8GS

05/19 - KD8JB

05/26 - KD8SZZ

06/02 - N8XQH

06/09 - Unassigned

Membership: Absent.

Webmaster: Received a web form message from an individual interested in Ham Radio.

Newsletter: Looking to publish in early June, before Field Day.

Fund Raising: Sold out in 80 minutes. Only turned away six to eight people. Discussions on cooking and food assembly was held. Next event is on the Fifth Street Hall's calendar in October. Dan will get the exact date to Newsletter and Webmaster.

Bereavement: KD8SZZ's brother in-law passed away unexpectedly.

Great Lakes & Club Awards: None



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Field Day/Special Events:

- Gale gave a graphical presentation on the tuned stubs he has constructed for Field Day.
- Antenna positions will be similar to last year.
- 80 Meters will be a dipole, same as last year.
- 40 Meters will be a Carolina Windom to allow multiple bands with the same positioning.
- Desk lamps were recommended based on last year's experience. Fans for each operator were also discussed.
- Extension chords will be in demand again.
- All laptops to be used will need the update done for N1MM+.
- Sign-up sheets will have two hour blocks for operating. W8MSK, K8OOK and N8NIJ will have priority for choice of time slot.
- Dinner on Saturday will be Potluck in format. Anyone wanting to bring something for the grill, it will be fired up as needed.
- Jerry is cooking breakfast on Sunday morning.
- Larry to bring water, and specific beverage needs will be brought by each person.
- Power generation will be provided by N8GS.



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Old Business

Percentages of Members also ARRL members are still being calculated.

MI QSO Party Results - Participants had a good time. LARC got a higher score than MARA. MARA got a higher score than GRARA. We contacted all Cabinet Counties.

New Business

KD8JB submitted a new 2 Meter Script with the change in start time, as well as EchoLink being mentioned in the script.

K9BOJ made a motion, seconded by KB8JB to close the March Meeting at 8:18p.m. - Passed

Submitted by Barton, N8XQH, MARA President, on behalf of the Office of the Secretary