



## Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance

Post Office Box 670

Comstock Park, MI 49321-0670



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

The September 14th meeting was called to order at 7:31pm. The following were in attendance:

N8XQH, KD8JB, W8DAY, KC8KVR, W8MSK

In the Secretary's absence, the minutes of the previous meeting were read by the President, N8XQH. Motion to approve by KC8KVR, 2nd motion by W8MSK, passed.

Treasurer's Report: Previous balance was \$1,408.32. A check to KD8SZZ for charcoal for \$15 written. Balance remaining is \$1,393.32. Motion to approve by KC8KVR, 2nd motion by W8DAY, passed.

Trustee's Report: In the absence of N8GS, KC8KVR, reported on recent input noise that would cover up conversations on the repeater. Gale had correspondence with Wes Gray of Yaesu, and Larry also had emailed Wes referencing Gale's contact. Larry called for additional input from the present membership. None was received. The repeater has been shipped to California, and Larry presented a receipt copy of \$60.56 to the Treasurer for this expense. At present, the old Icom repeater is running in place of the Yaesu. Echo-Link and Controller functions are not in play, but all other functionality is present. Motion to approve report by KD8JB, 2nd motion by W8DAY, passed.



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## Committee Reports

2 Meter Net: Larry thanked everyone who took net control recently. Average attendance for nets has been lower. Upcoming Net Control Operators are as follows:

09/15 - KD8JB,	09/22 - K8OOK
09/29 - W8DAY,	10/06 - KC8KVR
10/13 - KD8JB	

Newsletter: Absent

Webmaster: Nothing out of the ordinary

Fund Raising: Around \$400.00 will be needed for Burrito Night seed money. N8NIJ will determine the final amount based on current food prices. We will be planning to serve 100 people, and shells, rice, hamburger, and cheese amounts will be increased to cover this. October 21st is still the set date for the event.

Bereavement: Recent Silent Keys in the Grand Rapids Area include:

Chester Uncapher (W8HA) of Zeeland  
Irwin Tiejema (N8KBU) of Comstock Park  
Howard Broekema (formerly WB8VON) of Grand Rapids.



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Great Lakes Award and Club Awards: Nothing

Field Day/Special Events: KC8KVR has secured the Madison Square Sportsman's Club for Field Day 2017.

## Old Business

Swan Inn was contacted, and they are unable to serve our needs for Saturday Breakfast

## New Business

House Resolution 1301 has unanimously passed the US House of Representatives, and now moved onto the US Senate. W8MSK passed out information on how members can help urge members of the US Senate to pass the bill.

Motion to close the meeting at 8:03 made by KC8KVR, 2nd motion by KD8JB, passed.

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