



Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance
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The following are the tentative minutes of the October 9th meeting subject to correction and/or approval at the next meeting.

The October 9th meeting was called to order at 730 PM. The following were in attendance: KD8SZZ, K8OOK, N8NIJ, N6PLL, KG6RGX, KE8JUF, N8GS, AA8YC, K9BOJ, W8AHM, KC8KVR, KE8LQI, & KD8KZE.

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. NO decision was made to change the 2 meter repeater to a digital-only machine. Corey made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Dan, passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer was absent, report was given by Larry. Last month's report of a deposit of \$102 from 50/50 should had read \$103 and correct balance should have read \$2234.33. Checks of \$457.88 written for repeater supplies, \$248 to Corey to purchase LMR400 coax for the 444.450 repeater, \$400 advanced to Dan to purchase Burrito Night supplies, \$350 for the new repeater, \$86.37 to Larry for FedEx shipping costs. We deposited \$20 from dues, \$35 from the sale of the Club's 3 element tribander. New balance is \$746.84. Dan made motion, 2nd by Gale to approve the report, passed.

Trustee's Report: The 440 repeater is on the air. Gale gave small talk about nicad and li batteries.

Committee Reports:

2 meter net: net control signup sheet went around, net controls for 10/10-KD8JB, 10/17-KD8SZZ (simplex), 10/24-KE8LQI, 10/31-open, 11/7-open.

Membership: Nothing

Newsletter: It is in the works, photos, articles needed.

Webmaster: Nothing new, updates as time allows



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New Business: #1- Jerry's son, W8AHM, attended and gave a talk about WW2 cryptography. Polish math experts were the first to break the code of the German enigma machines. Many decoders were women as the men were on the front lines. Expert Allied CW op's could tell when the Germans code operators changed locations because they could recognize their "fists".

Fund Raising: Friday night, Burrito Night

Bereavement: W8NZW passed away, shown as one of the MARA founders.

Great Lakes & Club Awards: Nothing

Field Day: In a recent MSSC meeting, our request for running FD without a member present wasn't on the agenda. A new Board for 2020 may bring a decision.

Old Business: None

New Business: #2 The Red Cross is moving from Grand Rapids and selling their Fuller Ave building.

A new symbol for MARA was discussed, copyrights, etc. A couple sample were shown, more next month.

Nominations for MARA's 2020 Board open on 11/1 and closed at the November meeting. If there are multiple nominations for any posts, voting will close at the Dec meeting.

Dan made a motion, 2nd by Larry to adjourn the meeting at 830 pm, passed.

Submitted by Mike Eilers, K8OOK, MARA Secretary.