



Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance
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November 11, 2020 MARA meeting minutes

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

The meeting was called to order at 732PM at the Plainfield Fire Dept Training Center. Introductions were given.

The following stations were in attendance: KD8SZZ, N8NIJ, K8OOK, Patrick, KE8JUF, N8GS, N6PLL, K9BOJ. The following stations attended via ZOOM: KC8KVR, Peg, K8VOJ, K8VOL and W8MSK.

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. Dan made a motion to approve the minutes as read, 2nd by Joe, passed.

Treasurer's Report: no activity, balance remains at \$982.70. Larry made a motion, 2nd by Steve, to approved the report, passed.

Trustee's Report: Gale hooked up a power meter to the 2 meter repeater, we are using about \$7 of electricity per month. The repeater was down a while back because a plug had fell out of the socket.

Committee Reports:

2 meter net: net control for 11/12-KE8JUF, 11/19-KC8KVR (simplex), 11/26-no net, 12/3-N8GS and 12/10-KD8SZZ.

Membership: nothing

Newsletter: looking for articles, hopefully will have an issue out before Christmas.

Webmaster: There is a link about the FCC wanting to charge \$50 for licenses, The deadline for comments to the FCC is November 30th

Fund raising: will work toward a Spring date

Bereavement: ON4UN, John passed recently, he wrote books about 160 & 80 meter DX-ing.

Great Lakes Award/Special Events: Larry is working on an idea for future awards. Great Lakes Award nr 306 issued to K6JAX, all digital, nr 307 to W1LOG, all digital.



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Prices of the awards were verified from previous meeting minutes

Field Day: The last weekend in June 2021 is reserved for our Field Day at MSSC.

Old Business: Need to start now if we want a Special Events station in 2021.

New Business:

Dan made a motion that our 2 meter net should be a RADIO event, with ZOOM secondary and muted if necessary. The main purpose of the net is for practice in case of an emergency. Paul 2nd the motion and it passed.

The 440 repeater is working well with almost daily activity at 11 AM. The Board acknowledged and thanked the Veterans for their service. Larry mentioned that dues are due on January 1st, Corey mentioned that little extra would help if you can afford it to bolster our bank account because of no fund raisers.

The December meeting will most likely go back to ZOOM because of the COVID surge.

Gale made a motion, 2nd by Joe to close the meeting at 758 PM, passed.

Submitted by Mike, K800K, MARA Secretary