



Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance

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December 09, 2020 MARA meeting minutes

The following are the tentative minutes of the December 9th meeting subject to correction and/or approval at the next meeting. The meeting was called to order at 733 pm on ZOOM.

The following stations were in attendance: KD8SZZ, K8OOK, K9BOJ, N8NIJ, K8VOJ, K8VOL, KC8KVR, W8MSK, KE8JUF, W8DAY, Peg

The minutes of the last meeting are posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report: previous balance was \$982.70. We deposited \$12 from the Great Lakes Award receipts, \$65 from dues, \$10 contribution. We paid out \$20 for Michigan Annual Report. Our new balance is \$1049.70. We discussed making contributions to keep our balance up. Report passed.

Trustee's Report: The repeater was putting out a poor signal because of high SWR thru the polyphaser, it was replaced and SWR now OK. The backup battery is shot, a future expense. Paul may have an extra, maybe Larry. Corey updated the firmware on the 440repeater.

Committee Reports:

2 meter net. Net control for 12/11-KD8SZZ, 12/16-KC8KVR (simplex), 12/24-open, 12/31-open, 1/7-K8OOK

Membership: Mike made a motion, 2nd by Joe to give free 2021 membership to new ham, Patrick, KE8PYT, passed

Newsletter: hopefully will be out before Christmas

Webmaster: looking for events of interest to put together a 2021 calendar.

Fund raising: The Hall is closed, looking for a April date when we can make contact with the Hall and the pandemic will allow us to have such an event.

Bereavement: none

Great Lakes Award/Special Events: ARRL needs a least 3 months or more to publish any events.



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Field Day: Last weekend in June 2021.

Old Business: There were no further nominations, Larry made a motion, 2nd by Joe to keep the present Board for 2021, passed.

New Business:

MARA Christmas party discussed, likely will be postponed, maybe a summer event could happen.

The 5th St Hall is again closed after several customers contacted COVID-19.

We discussed that it might be MARA's turn to host the "Get out of the Cabin" (new hams) dinner. Jerry made a motion, 2nd by Joe that we discourage the event from happening because of COVID.

Joe made a motion, 2nd by Roger to close the ZOOM meeting in 803 PM, passed.

Submitted by Mike, K800K, MARA Secretary