



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

The meeting was called to order at 730 PM. The following were in attendance: KD8SZZ, K80OK, K9BOJ, N8GS, Peg, KC8KVR, W8MSK and N8NIJ.

The minutes of the previous meeting were not read because the meeting was canceled, only three people show up to the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: no change, balance remains at \$740.07

Trustee's Report: The 2 meter repeater was not operating very good for a few days. The shack temp was around 120 degrees during our hot spell. Now that temps have cooled, it is back to normal. The 440 repeater was temporarily off for about 30 hours.

Committee Reports:

2 meter net: net controls for 9/9-K80OK, 9/16-KC8KVR (simplex), 9/23-KD8SZZ, 9/30-N8GS, 10/7-open, 10/14-open

Membership: nothing

Newsletter: nothing

Webmaster: some new swaps listed

Fund raising: after much discussion and the continuing pandemic, Peg made a motion, 2nd by Larry, to cancel the Burrito Night for October 15th, passed.

Bereavement: none

Great Lakes Award/Special Events: none

Field Day: none

Old Business: none

New Business:

Larry was contacted by the XYL of Vic, KC8TKH who is a silent key, she has equipment that she would like to donate or sell with any proceeds donated to the Scouts.

Larry brought up the fact of MARA's dwindling and aged membership and a discussion followed on what we might do to get more members. Items included demo's at schools (mostly on lockdown), try to contact the Scouts and educate the public in general that ham radio does exist. Dan suggested a demo at the Plainfield Fire Dept, Corey suggested we could use one of the Fire Dept events when many people may be attending. It will be tough as most of us cannot even get our kids and grand-kids interested in the hobby.

Larry made a motion, 2nd by Gale, to adjourn at 759 PM, passed.

Submitted by Mike, K80OK, MARA Secretary