

**KALAMAZOO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**  
**MINUTES THE CLUB MEETING**  
*Thursday, January 17, 2019*

A meeting of the Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club was held on Thursday, January 17, 2019 at the American Red Cross Kalamazoo Chapter House.

**Present:** 23 members and 1 guest

- 1. Call to Order:** Charles (WD8AXA) called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm (Eastern Standard Time) and Mark (KE8HAA) recorded the minutes. Members and guests introduce themselves, by call sign or otherwise.
  - a. A copy of the minutes from the November xx, 2018 is available online at W8VY.org under the Membership link. A limited number of paper copies were provided to members at the meeting.
  
- 2. Member Introductions:**
  - a. Members Present: 23
  - b. Guest: 1 Charlie Pfister (WD8AXB)
  
- 3. Announcements – Vice President:** Charles Agosti (WD8AXA):
  - a. Birthdays December & January: KE8HSN – Randall, KE8HLF – Richard, KE8GGE – Kai, KE8IIW – Joe, and KD8RCI – Scott
  - b. Membership: 46 members including 3 honorary members. Application form available at W8VY.org under Membership.
  - c. Winter Field Day – January 26-27 2 pm – 2 pm. Signup sheet was circulated. All are welcome to participate or just visit. A map of the location at the Rustic Cabin in Ft. Custer will be published online.
  - d. Next Club Meeting will be on Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. It will be a Skype presentation by DX Engineering about Amplifiers. Spread the word and bring a friend!
  - e. **Hamfest:** Randy Mead (KE8R)
    - i. First Kalamazoo Hamfest 2019 Committee Meeting will be held before next month's Club meeting from 5:45-6:45 pm. Anyone interested in help is invited to attend.
  
- 4. Board Nominations & Elections:**
  - a. Three Board member terms of service are ending – Chuck Agosti, Ed Halcomb, and Ron Schubot. We thank them for their service to the Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club.
  - b. Nominations:
    - i. Chuck Agosti nominated Ron Schubot for a Board position. Gary Runcie supported the nomination. Ron expressed his willingness to serve.
    - ii. Mark Kerstetter nominated Chuck Agosti for a Board position. Gary Runcie supported the nomination. Chuck expressed his willingness to serve.
    - iii. Mark Kerstetter nominated Barry Bowman for a Board position. Randall Aldering supported the nomination. Barry expressed his willingness to serve.
    - iv. There being no others willing to serve, the nomination process was closed.
    - v. Proposed: The three nominees be elected by unanimous consent of the members present.
      1. Moved: Gary Runcie, Supported: Randall Aldering, Passed: by unanimous voice vote

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**5. Open Mic – Randy Mead (KE8R)**

- a. Randy suggested that each meeting should provide an opportunity for members to directly participate in the meeting by discussion their own amateur radio projects, ask questions about the Club or ham radio, and make suggestions for Club events or presentation topics.
- b. Randy (KE8R) discussed an antenna problem and solution he found for a multiband antenna raised on a tower.
- c. Jack (KE8JT) described an antenna he build on the top of an existing fence.
- d. Dave Miller (KD8QKD) asked that Club minutes be presented more prominently on W8VY.ORG. We will reorganize the website to make it easier to obtain Club meeting minutes.

**6. Educational Presentation: *HF Automatic Link Establishment (ALE) Radio Demonstration using Two Radios – Charles Agosti (WD8AXA) & Charlie Pfister (WD8AXB)***

- a. Sources: <http://hfink.com/automaticlinkestablishment/> and <http://hfink.com/alehamradio/>
- b. HF ALE is used around the world to allow communication within organizations (military, governmental, and NGO) within countries and regions.
- c. Radios scan frequencies on the same or different bands to automatically establish the more efficient frequency to use to communicate between to radios.
- d. Demo used frequencies in three bands 10m, 40m, and 80 m. Three radios were used within the meeting room. Members could hear seek, handshake, and establishment of link tones.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm (Eastern Standard Time).

Respectfully submitted, \_\_\_\_\_ Mark Kerstetter (KE8HAA), Secretary