

KALAMAZOO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
MINUTES THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
Tuesday, January 7, 2019

A meeting of the Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club Board (the "Board"), was held on Tuesday, January 7, 2019 at the American Red Cross Kalamazoo Chapter House. Meeting moved from standard date in December 2018 because original date fell close to Christmas.

Board Members Present: Charles Agosti (WD8AXA) Vice-President, Mark Kerstetter (KE8HAA) Secretary, Alex Stuart (KE8ICM) Treasurer, Randy Mead (KE8R) Member At-Large and Ron Schubot (N8CML) Member At-Large.

Board Members Absent: Edward Halcomb (KD8WAV) President, John Mathieson (AC8JW) Emergency Coordinator and John Tucker (WB8ZVV) Trustee, both excused.

Call to Order: Charles Agosti (WD8AXA) Vice-President called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm (Eastern Standard Time) and Mark (KE8HAA) recorded the minutes. A quorum of elected members was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

Board Minutes no prior board minutes were distributed.

1. Report of the Vice-President: Charles (WD8AXA)

- a. The dates of future Board meetings should be changed to accommodate member current schedules. The second Monday of the month was suggested. A decision will be made at the January 2019 Board meeting.
- b. The Club should have two members available to sign financial statements. In addition to Alex (KE8ICM) Treasurer, Mark (KE8HAA) Secretary will be added to the bank (Arbor Financial Credit Union) signature file. There was also discussion about allowing others to access statements and about storing statements and bank info (e.g., account and data) online or in paper form.
- c. Future Board Meetings
 - i. The Tuesday after the Club Meeting (third Thursday of the month) may not be the best time for Board Meetings. Summer schedule may be changed for both. John (WB8ZVV) cannot attend Board or Club Meetings for the next several months because of his work schedule. Chuck (WD8AXA) will contact him to see if an alternate schedule for Board Meetings would be appropriate. Have Board Meeting before the Club Meeting, rather than after it. Ron Schubot (N8CML) teaches workshops on the first and third Mondays of the month. Second Wednesday of the month are local RACES Meetings. Consensus seemed to settle on the second Monday of the month, pending input from John Tucker.
- d. Winter Field Day
 - i. Ft. Custer Cabin (for six) has been reserved for January 26-27 (noon to noon). After a discussion, the cabin will also be reserved for Friday, January 25 to allow for equipment setup. WFD starts at 2 pm and runs 24 hours.
 - ii. Members currently expressing interest in operating at the cabin are Chuck Agosti, Don Batts, Randy Mead, Jack Price, Alex Stuart, and John Tucker. Mark (KE8HAA) will circulate a signup list at the January 2019 Club Meeting.
 - iii. This event will be a K.A.R.C. Club event, not a public event. As such, the Club insurance should cover operations.
 - iv. WFD should be widely advertised, especially using local radio nets.

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- e. K.A.R.C. Club Meeting Thursday, January 17, 2019.
 - i. Board Member Elections – Randy (KE8R) will provide paper for ballots.
 - ii. WFD Planning – Mark (KE8HAA) will circulate a signup sheet for those interested in operating, helping (set up, take down, meals, etc.), logging, visiting.
 - iii. Educational Presentation – Demonstrating HF ALE Technology with Two Radios - Charles Agosti (WD8AXA)

2. Report from Randy Mead (KE8R) Member At-Large

- i. K.A.R.C. Club Meeting – February 2019 – Skype presentation from Dxengineering
- ii. St. Joseph, MI Amateur Radio Club
 - i. Sample newsletter was shared. Perhaps K.A.R.C. should consider offering a newsletter.
- iii. D-Star Use – Randy suggest joining him at 9:30 pm on Sunday evenings
- iv. Club should be more active in the 2019 MI QSO Party. Randy wants to be mobile and roam during the event.
- v. Randy will repair the K.A.R.C. shack door latch.
- vi. Club meeting should include an “open mike” opportunity where members are encouraged to speak about recent activities in amateur radio.
- vii. Update the shack rig and replace it to offer more digital opportunities.

3. Report of the Treasurer: Alex (KE8ICM)

The treasurer distributed a paper report.
November starting balance: \$5986.18
January balance (to date): \$6440.88

4. Report of the Secretary: Mark (KE8HAA)

- i. Distributed a current membership list. Paid Memberships: 40, Honorary Memberships: 3, Members Not Yet Renewed: 6
- ii. The K.A.R.C. Board should establish a small number of annual goals for the Club at the beginning of each year.

5. Report from Ron Schubot (N8CML) Member At-Large

- i. Potential projects: build a LiFePo portable battery, what/how to buy at hamfests, what components to stock for repair/experimental builds, learn arduino or raspberry pi.

The next Board meeting will be January 22.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm (Eastern Standard Time).

Respectfully submitted, _____ Mark Kerstetter (KE8HAA), Secretary