

Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club (K.A.R.C.)

Board Meeting Minutes V-3.0

When: January 23, 2018 @ 6:30PM

Where: American Red Cross of Southwest Michigan, Break Room

Attendees: David Moss (KE8DI), Chuck Agosti (WD8AXA), Cherry Wightman (KC9WBC), Ed Halcomb (KD8WAV), Gary Thompson (KD8RMD), Randy Mead (KE8R), Alex Stuart (KE8ICM)

Excused: John Tucker (WB8ZVV), Mark Kerstetter (KE8HAA), & Ron Schubot (N8CML)

President Moss opened the meeting welcoming the newly elected Board Members and excusing those unable to attend. He continued by addressing the transition of positions on the Board, indicating the Officer positions are a one year term.

President: Runs the meetings

Vice President: Fills in when the President is not available and is responsible for Membership Meeting Programs

Treasurer: Manages the Clubs' finances and collects the dues, as well as maintains the Membership Roster

Secretary: Records minutes and documents, will also be responsible for the clubs' cyber presence [web-page, Face book, and messaging the membership

Member at Large: Input and task as deemed reasonable by the Board

Trustee: Signature of the W8VY license, Responsible for auditing the clubs financial records annually

The floor was opened for discussion. Mark Kerstetter is willing to serve as needed. David Moss nominated Mark Kerstetter to fill the Secretary position. Chuck Agosti suggested Ed Halcomb stay in the position of Secretary to maintain continuity. Alex Stuart, suggested Mark Kerstetter as Vice President based upon his Ideas/Projects list. Chuck Agosti indicated he thinks of the Vice President position as the entertainment person. Mark could be a good candidate for President. Cherry Wightman shared an e-mail from Paul (?) which suggested videotaping Membership Meetings for posting on the web page as other HAM radio clubs have done. Randy Mead may be interested in the President position in the future. Newest members may not be the best candidates for the President. At-large Board members could be assigned as Tech Support of other task as deemed necessary.

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Chuck Agosti is concerned about the relationship with the Red Cross, which needs to be maintained! A liaison needs to be identified and maintained so the club may have a resource for activities at the American Red Cross of Southwest Michigan, at the Kalamazoo Chapter/Office. Ed Halcomb indicated he will be stepping down as Deputy Disaster Program Manager in February, after forty years as a volunteer, but will however; stay on a Disaster Services Technology (DST) volunteer. Ed Halcomb will continue as the Red Cross liaison for the next year. Randy Mead expressed interest in Red Cross volunteering when he retires and would be interested in serving as the Clubs', Red Cross Liaison in the future. There are currently half a dozen HAMs who participate as Red Cross HAMs in Kalamazoo County.

Randy Mead reminded us that the Ham Fest Workgroup is in need of a Chair and the Forum Lead has also stepped down.

Chuck Agosti considers himself a self-appointed technical advisor to the Club.

Field Day: Cherry Wightman will reserve the large pavilion at Flesher Field in Oshtemo for Saturday of Field Day. Cherry Wightman, will follow-up with Dustin Thomas, to confirm his interest in being the Logistics Lead for Field Day.

Randy Mead suggested we go down the list to survey who is interested in which positions.

Vice President: Chuck Agosti is willing to serve in that role for another year

Treasurer: Cherry Wightman is willing to serve in that role for another year

Secretary: Mark Kerstetter was assigned that position based on his willingness to serve as needed and the conversations above

President: Ed Halcomb was selected by default, as an experienced Board Member

Members At Large: Randy Mead & Alex Stuart

Trustee: John Tucker

EC: Gary Wightman

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I received a follow up message from Chuck Agosti indicating that JeRB Buchanan also has a position on the Board? Hopefully we can get a clear description on his position.
We received a copy of a certificate designating James (JeRB) Buchanan, K8WPI, an Honorary Lifetime Membership and therefore proclaiming his status as an Ex-Officio, Non-voting, member of the Board of the Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club. This certificate was distributed in an e-mail to the Board in 2009. This is consistent with the K.A.R.C. By-laws. See image below.

At this point David Moss handed the Gavel to President Select, Ed Halcomb.

A 2018 K.A.R.C. schedule was handed out as previously given to Board Members

Winter Field Day was discussed with no one aware of any activity in Kalamazoo County

A VHF Contest this summer (June) was discussed

A morning net was discussed

A Club Museum was discussed

Next meeting should have a: Suggestion Moment

A survey should be considered, discussion ensued regarding the evaluation of the survey and recommendations for presentations should go to Chuck Agosti

Current skills in the club should be identified

Elmer/s should be identified: Help to raise an antenna?

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Fox Hunt? Club apparently purchased equipment but never followed thru, equipment should still be available?

Message should go out prior to each monthly meeting

Sky Warn training in Centerville in March

I received a message from and followed up with a call to our Emergency Coordinator, Gary Wightman, instructing me to post a clarification that Kalamazoo R.A.C.E.S. members are to attend the Sky Warn Training in Battle Creek on February 24, 2018. ***FYI: This week I received a flyer for Sky Warn training in Van Buren County on March 10, 2018 as well. Details below:***

Ham in a Day (HIAD) Battle Creek; March 10, 2018, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

1-12-18 Membership Minutes reviewed also reviewed Oct & Nov Minutes

K.A.R.C. 1995 By-laws cover page distributed, only recalled change was possibly in 2012 changing Officer Position terms?

Roberts Rule of Order distributed for review and Agenda development

Membership and Board Meetings should have a topic/theme

February: will have a guest presenter, Chuck Agosti, requested Club business be kept to a minimum. Ed Halcomb, indicated presentations should be limited to fifteen to twenty minutes.

March: meeting: Overview of the Club Resources was requested, focused on the repeater system.

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presented to

James "JeRB" Buchanan, K8WPI

in grateful recognition of more than 47 years of service to amateur radio,
the Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club and the greater Kalamazoo community.

This award entitles the recipient to all the privileges of Fell Membership and, at his discretion,
to serve as an ex-officio non-voting member of the Board of Directors of the Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club
as long as a valid FCC Amateur Radio License is maintained.

Presented January 15, 2009 in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ronald Schubel'.

Ronald Schubel, NBCML, President

Attention Weather Spotters!

The 2018 Severe Weather Season is will SOON be here!
Be prepared by attending the Van Buren County SKYWARN Training session.
Training will take place on Saturday, March 10, 2018 from 2pm-4pm.

Paw Paw High School

30609 Red Arrow Highway

Sponsored by: Office of Domestic Preparedness, Van Buren Co. Sheriff's Office

National Weather Service, Grand Rapids, MI
Van Buren County ARES/ RACES Members

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Preregistration encouraged! Seating is limited!