

KALAMAZOO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
MINUTES THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
Tuesday, March 20, 2018

A meeting of the Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club Board (the "Board"), was held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at the American Red Cross Kalamazoo Chapter House.

Officers Present: Edward Halcomb (KD8WAV) President, 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

Officers Absent: John Tucker (WB8ZVV) Trustee excused

1. **Call to Order:** Ed (KD8WAV) called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm (Eastern Standard Time) and Mark (KE8HAA) recorded the minutes. A quorum of officers was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

Ed (KD8WAV) encouraged Board members to bring their HTs and use them to request building access on 147.000 if they are unable to enter the building.

2. **Report of the Treasurer:** Alex (KE8ICM) reported that KARC banking has been switched from Fifth Third Bank to Arbor Financial Credit Union.

ARRL Insurance has been paid for the year.

Flescher Field was rented for Field Day. The pavilion was not rented, pending discussion by the Board.

New Members: three members joined the Club in March, application fees will be deposited in the bank within the next few days.

To Do: pay phone bill for repeater access; update Bylaws for bank signatures needed by new bank. The required signatures will be president, treasurer, and trustee.

3. **Report of the Secretary:** Mark (KE8HAA) described immediate needs to perform his duties and a list of tasks he will perform before the next Club Meeting. February Club Meeting attendance was 20 (including the guest speaker).

Membership Application: simplify the form; place most important blocks (name & call sign) at the top of the form

Corrected Minutes from Club Meeting of March 15, 2018. Two errors will be corrected.

Club P.O. Box: The box has been checked. It contained nothing of importance – no bills or payments. There is one key for the box. Another key will be made and given to the president. The secretary will keep the other key.

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ARRL Club Information: It was updated. Officers were asked to set up a profile with photo.

4. **Report of the Vice-President:** Charles (WD8AXA) had no additional information to share having discussed his repeater projects earlier in the meeting.

Topics for Future Club Meetings: April – Local Repeaters; May Solar Panels (Meeting just prior to Dayton Hamvention.); June – Brazilian Satellite Pirates (Meeting just prior to Field Day.)

5. **Old Business:**

Fox Hunt will be held September 22 – Randy Mead volunteered to organize it. Asylum Lake Reserve is a possible location. Ron (N8CML) will have nine attenuator boxes 3D printed.

5 WPM CW Class: David Moss says the class is “on hold” pending participation and time to organize.

Field Day: David Moss agreed to organize our Field Day. Pavilion rental is \$180 for two nights and \$90 for all day Saturday and Saturday night. SMART should pay half, if rented. Should we set up a donation jar?

Hamfest: The Hamfest Committee will meet from 6 pm until 7 pm before the regular Club meeting. We should focus on five things to improve the Hamfest this year.

Digital Modes: Should the Club attempt to promote using digital modes?

Silent Keys: What should be done to memorialize our Silent Keys? The Club has a blank plaque.

6. **New Business:** Ed (KD8WAV) asked about the following:

New Talk Nets, e.g., a lunch time net, an off to work net, or a weekend net. Should the Club initiate 10 minutes of code practice before its Wednesday net?

MI QSO Party: April 21-22. Open Club Radio Shack for some part of the weekend. A few hours on Saturday. Members could participate using Club equipment.

DStar Repeater: What is the status of a DStar Repeater in Kalamazoo?

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm (Eastern Standard Time).

Respectfully submitted, _____ Mark Kerstetter (KE8HAA), Secretary