

KALAMAZOO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
MINUTES THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
Tuesday, May 22, 2018

A meeting of the Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club Board (the "Board"), was held on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at the American Red Cross Kalamazoo Chapter House.

Officers Present: Charles Agosti (WD8AXA) Vice-President, Mark Kerstetter (KE8HAA) Secretary, Alex Stuart (KE8ICM) Treasurer, and John Tucker (WB8ZVV) Trustee

Officers Absent: Edward Halcomb (KD8WAV) President, Randy Mead (KE8R) Member At-Large, and Ron Schubot (N8CML) Member At-Large all excused.

Others Present: David Moss and son (KB8CRT)

1. **Call to Order:** Ed (KD8WAV) called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm (Eastern Daylight 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.

Club Calendar: ED (KD8WAV) distributed an updated KARC Calendar.

Board Minutes of March 20, 2018. Mark (KE8HAA) distributed the minutes. Approval of corrected minutes moved by Mark (KE8HAA) and supported by Alex (KE8ICM). Corrected minutes were approved unanimously.

2. **Report of the Vice-President:** Charles (WD8AXA) was absent so Ed (KD8WAV) reported that there were three unbuilt attenuator kits, one fox transmitter, and documents for the attenuator build. Mindy (KB8CRT) subsequently returned the materials to Ed.

Report of the Treasurer: Alex (KE8ICM) distributed the Treasurer's Report. Highlight of the report include income of \$95.00 from due and contributions at the Club meeting and \$151 from payments for the attenuator kits and contributions at the Kit Build meeting. The Club spent \$20.30 for bank checks, \$14.46 for telephone costs, \$71.71 for flowers and snacks at Don Verhage's Memorial Service, and \$15.99 for refreshments at the Club meeting. Approval of treasurer's report was moved by Mark (KE8HAA) and supported by Randy (KE8R). The treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

3. **Report of the Secretary:** Mark (KE8HAA) distributed Club Minutes for April 19, 2018 and Club Roster. He reported the following: 35 paid members, 3 honorary members, 23 unpaid, and 1 silent key. Missing address information was completed by searching the FCC Amateur License Database. Attendance at meetings will also be recorded. No information was available for length of licensing or length of club membership for members. Two members renewed at the April Club meeting: Patty McLachlan (KD8ZKJ) renewed member, full member (\$20 cash) and Jack Koole (KE8TJ) renewed member, retired (\$15 cash).

Member name tags will be updated for the next Club meeting.

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The Secretary will miss the next Club meeting because he is travelling to Hamvention. Alex (KE8ICM) will perform the duties of secretary.

4. Old Business:

Fox Hunt attenuator build: Ron (N8CML) declared it was a success. Everyone completed the kit and had it tested. No one received solder burns. The amount of (extra) contributions was surprising.

MI QSO Party: Ed (KD8WAV) reported 28 or 29 contacts. Four Club members operated. Al Henderson completed this Fox Hunt antenna.

Field Day: Alex (KE8ICM) said the large pavilion and gazebo have already been rented and are unavailable for our use. The small pavilion can be used first-come-first-served. There will be a wedding at the gazebo. We have rented the sports fields on the south side of Flescher Field. We will set up for Field Day in a different area than last year. Mark {KE8HAA} will notify David Moss and has volunteered to help coordinate Field Day. Field Day might include the completion of the Fox Hunt antenna build, a Fox Hunt Tune-up, a Fox Hunt, and a GOTA Station. These activities should earn extra points.

Hamfest: Randy (KE8R) reported that the Hamfest 2018 Committee met for the first time and that focus was on expanding the number of vendors and attendance. Randy will see that the Hamfest is listed in ARRL online and print publications.

Radio History Presentation: Ed (KD8WAV) mentioned John Tucker's recent presentation at the KVCC Museum. Portions of the talk could be presented at a Club meeting or possibly at Field Day.

Red Cross Donation: Alex (KE8ICM) led the discussion. Should the Club or individual members donate? What can be afforded with shrinking memberships? It was proposed that the Club should give \$100 to the American Red Cross this year from Club funds. In addition, contributions should be encouraged, via a collection can, at each Club meeting. The contributions collected will then be given to the ARC next year. In this way members will be directly involved in donations. Also the donation will be made in memory of our silent keys. The proposal was moved by Alex (KE8ICM) and supported by Randy (KE8R). The proposal passed unanimously.

Fox Hunt: Randy (KE8R) will contact Western Michigan University about the use of property for the Fox Hunt.

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

Fox Hunt Tune-up: Ed (KD8WAV) reminded everyone of the scheduled event in Byron Center on Saturday, April 28.

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Growlers Baseball: Ed (KD8WAV) shared news about an opportunity to attend a baseball game as a group or for the Club to use attendance as a fund raiser. The Board seemed interested. Wednesday evenings were suggested as a way to incorporate LoST activities. Two options were a \$22 and \$17 option with food and beverages provided. We will bring this idea to the Club.

DStar Repeater: Ed (KD8WAV) reported that Terry Tassos, John Mathieson, and Charles Agosti were investigating the possibility of placing a DStar Repeater in Kalamazoo. Everyone agreed that the area needs digital radio, although some thought DMR or System Fusion would be a better choice. Internet access is required for such a repeater. The initial cost and recurring costs need to be determined before the Club commits to a project. More investigation is needed.

KARC Library: Ed (KD8WAV) is interested in cataloging books and materials in the Club library. He will seek a volunteer from the Club.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm (Eastern Daylight Time).

Respectfully submitted, _____ Mark Kerstetter (KE8HAA), Secretary