

**KALAMAZOO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**  
**MINUTES THE MEETING OF THE BOARD**  
*Tuesday, June 26, 2018*

A meeting of the Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club Board (the "Board"), was held on Tuesday, June 26, 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, John Tucker (WB8ZVV) Trustee and Ron Schubot (N8CML) Member At-Large.

**Officers Absent:** Randy Mead (KE8R) Member At-Large excused.

**Others Present:** David Moss (KE8DI) and son

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.

**Board Minutes** of May22, 2018. Mark (KE8HAA) distributed the minutes. Approval of corrected minutes moved by Mark (KE8HAA) and supported by Ron (N8CML). Corrected minutes were approved unanimously.

2. **Report of the Vice-President:** Charles (WD8AXA) moved that the Club should reserve a pavilion for ARRL Field Day 2019 as soon as possible. The motion was supported by Alex (KE8ICM). The motion passed 3-2-1. Alex (KE8ICM) will check when 2019 reservations can be made.

Charles (WD8AXA) suggested that KARC should not meet during the summer months except for a Field Day Planning Meeting. This suggestion will be brought to the Club membership at the July meeting.

Ron (N8CML) proposed and moved suspension of the August meeting. The motion was supported by Alex (KE8ICM) and passed unanimously.

Repeater Status. Charles (WD8AXA) asked about the location of the Club's spare repeater. More specifically, the DCP (duplexer). It was last seen in storage at the Kalamazoo Airport. Jack Price should be contacted.

Future Club Meeting Topic. Remote Operating, accessing a remote transceiver and antenna should be a topic of a future meeting.

3. **Report of the Treasurer:** Alex (KE8ICM) distributed a paper report. There was a late fee for the monthly Sprint payment. This likely resulted from the timing in switching bank accounts. Income from the last Club meeting included: \$10 for food, \$22 for equipment, and \$85 for the repeater.
4. **Report of the Secretary:** Mark (KE8HAA) announced his absence for vacation travel at both Club and Board meetings during July. Alex (KE8ICM) agreed to handle the secretary duties for those meetings.

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Photos from ARRL Field Day 2018 will be shown on the W5KUB.COM telecast next Tuesday evening at 9 pm

**5. Other Reports:**

**Field Day.** Mark (KE8HAA) The data is still being compiled by Dave Moss. The 20 meter operation had some antenna problems. This year's setup was not ideal regarding spacing.

**Fox Hunt.** Ed (KD8WAV) The Fox Hunt is scheduled for September 22. Western Michigan University has not responded to requests to hold the event on WMU property. Ron (N8CML) suggested using the public area within the WMU Parkview Campus.

**Kalamazoo Hamfest.** Ron (N8CML) reported that Hamfest planning was progressing normally. The Hamfest committee was discussing wrist bands vs. traditional paper tickets.

**D-Star Repeater.** Ed (KD8WAV) Kalamazoo County has purchased repeater and controller hardware. Terry Tassos is donating a computer. Frequency coordination seems to be the hold up. Also, Borgess Medical Center (Ascension Health) must also approve our use of the Internet. We will need a fresh call sign for the repeater. This will be discussed at the next meeting. The new repeater should be live in about two months.

**KARC Library.** Ed (KD8WAV) There have been a number of unprocessed library donations. Jim Keesler was the Club Librarian, but is no longer able to perform that duty. Charles (WD8AXA) suggested that Mindy might volunteer for the job.

**Tech Class.** John (WB8ZVV) announced that the fall Technician Study Class will begin September 18 and last 10 weeks. The class will be held on Tuesday nights from 7-9 pm. Mark (KE8HAA) will create "Wanted" flyers to announce the class and announce it on Facebook and W8VY.ORG.

**6. Good of the Order:** Charles (WD8AXA) suggested future education presentations about Solar Panels and Field Day.

The next Board meeting will be July 24.

Ron (N8CML) reminded the Board that KARC is not a pronounceable abbreviation, but the letters that represent the name of the Club, i.e., K.A.R.C. for Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm (Eastern Daylight Time). Moved by Mark (KE8HAA) and supported by John (WB8ZVV) and passed unanimously

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