

KALAMAZOO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
MINUTES THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
Tuesday, September 25, 2018

A meeting of the Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club Board (the "Board"), was held on Tuesday, September 25, 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.

Others Present: John Mathieson (AC8JW) Emergency Coordinator.

1. **Call to Order:** Ed (KD8WAV) called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 the July 2018 Board Minutes were not available for distribution.

2. **Report of the Vice-President:** Charles (WD8AXA)
The Silent Auction at the September Club Meeting earned \$141.00. Remaining items will be placed for sale at the Kalamazoo Hamfest 2018. Two tables will be needed. These tables will also be used to sell up to two items from members of SMART and K.A.R.C.
3. **Report of the Treasurer:** Alex (KE8ICM)
The treasurer distributed a paper report. The Club should find sources of additional income.

Field Day plans are still pending.

4. **Report of the Secretary:** Mark (KE8HAA)
Membership renewals are due in October. Club memberships extend from October 1 through September 30. Members will be reminded via email and at the October Club Meeting.

5. **Other Reports:**

Field Day. Nothing to report.

Fox Hunt. Ed (KD8WAV)

The Fox Hunt occurred on September 22 at the Oshtemo Township Park. Don Batts found the fox and will receive the award. In the future, email announcements should be sent to nearby clubs and to K.A.R.C. members. In the future, two transmitters should be hidden – one should be easy to find and the other more difficult to locate.

MI QSO Party. Randy (KE8R) encouraged to Board to plan for next year's MI QSO Party in April 2019.

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Kalamazoo Hamfest. Randy (KE8R) spoke at the recent Club Meeting to encourage participation as a social event. He recommended raising the ticket price for next year's hamfest from \$6 to \$7. We will contact Club members to ask for volunteers.

D-Star Repeater. Ed (KD8WAV) Terry Tassos needs to meet with representatives at Borgess Medical Center IT about connections.

KARC Library. Ed (KD8WAV) Mindy Tai has volunteered to organize the Club Library.

Tech Class. John (WB8ZVV) is teaching a fall Technician Study Class on Tuesday nights at the Red Cross Chapter.

SK Plaque: Charles (WD8AXA)

Charles will present the Silent Key Plaque to members at the October Club meeting

00 Repeater: Charles (WD8AXA)

The 140.000 repeater has been paid for. Maintenance will be paid out of Club funds.

6. **Good of the Order:**

Ed (KD8WAV) informed the Board of "Ham-in-a-Day" class on October 13 (8:45 am – 5 pm) at Battle Creek Public Works, 150 S. Kendall St. www.BCESMI.org

Randy (KE8R) discussed improving attendance at Club meetings by including more break-time for socializing and changing up meeting formats. Possible meeting topics: DXing, 6 meter nets.

Mark (KE8HAA) suggested adding a meeting question to be answered during introductions, e.g., favorite equipment, recent radio contact

Randy (KE8R) suggested keeping AVCOMM rigs as spares. The Club should continue to dispose of surplus equipment.

Comet Program Tutorials (comet.edu) offers online courses.

Opportunity to Skype with DXEngineering at a future Club meeting.

K.A.R.C. should attempt to make contact with nearby club (SMARS, St. Joe, KC8BRO) to encourage more interaction.

John (AC8JW) – RACES needs more people involved. SET will take place next month. 48 hour Hospital Comm at KVCC October 8-11.

Ed (KD8WAV) reported the need for Bylaws review. There needs to be a clear statement for the dissolution of the Club. Apparently the issue is covered by the current Bylaws.

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Ed (KD8WAV) The Board needs three new members. Ed, Charles, and Ron will leave the Board next year.

The next Board meeting will be October 23.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm (Eastern Daylight Time).

Respectfully submitted, _____ Mark Kerstetter (KE8HAA), Secretary