

**KALAMAZOO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**  
**MINUTES THE MEETING OF THE BOARD**  
*Tuesday, February 4, 2019*

A meeting of the Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club Board (the "Board"), was held on Tuesday, February 4, 2019 at the American Red Cross Kalamazoo Chapter House. Meeting moved from standard date in December 2018 because original date fell close to Christmas.

**Board Members Present:** Charles Agosti (WD8AXA) President, Randy Mead (KE8R) Vice-president, Mark Kerstetter (KE8HAA) Secretary, Alex Stuart (KE8ICM) Treasurer, Barry Bowman (KE8JCD) Member At-Large, John Mathieson (AC8JW) Emergency Coordinator and John Tucker (WB8ZVV) Trustee.

**Board Members Absent:** Ron Schubot (N8CML) Member At-Large excused.

**Call to Order:** Charles Agosti (WD8AXA) President called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm (Eastern Standard Time) and Mark (KE8HAA) recorded the minutes. A quorum of elected members was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

**1. Election of Officers**

- a. Duties of Officers and Board members were read from the Bylaws. Those present were surveyed about the position they wished to hold and Board and Club needs.
- b. After discussion, individuals were elected to their new positions by consensus which was unanimous.
  - i. President – Charles Agosti (WD8AXA)
  - ii. Vice-president – Randy Mead (KE8R)
  - iii. Secretary – Mark Kerstetter (KE8HAA)
  - iv. Treasurer – Alex Stuart (KE8ICM)
  - v. Board Member At-Large – Barry Bowman (KE8JCD)
  - vi. Board Member At-Large – Ron Schubot (N8CML)
- c. The Secretary read the Board Member Pledge from the Bylaws and those present affirmed that they were bound by the pledge.
- d. The Board Parliamentarian – Vice-President lead the agenda of the meeting.
- e. Randy Mead (KE8R) volunteered to continue a Kalamazoo Hamfest Chair. The Board thanked him for his service last year and unanimously agreed that he continue as chair this year.
- f. Barry Bowman (KE8JCD) and Charles Agosti (WD8AXA) need access to the building and Club Shack. Randy will inmate the process to get access.

**2. Board Meeting Schedule**

- a. Because of the schedule of various members of the Board and because it was felt that Board meeting should precede (rather than follow) Club meetings. Future Board Meetings will be at 6:30 pm on the second Monday of the month. Club meetings remain the third Thursday of the month.

**3. Treasurer Report:** Alex (KE8ICM)

- a. The treasurer distributed a paper report. Format represents a screen shot of the actual bank account accessed from online.
- b. January starting balance: \$6440.88
- c. January 14, 2019 balance (to date): \$6906.47
- d. Income tax filing for 2018 is complete.

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- e. Web hosting build was marked paid, but there is no indication on the financial report. The treasurer will look into the matter.
  - f. Insurance bill will be due soon.
- 4. Secretary Report: Mark (KE8HAA)**
- a. **Board Meeting Minutes** from Tuesday, January 7, 2019 were distributed.
  - b. **Club Meeting Minutes** are online in W8VY.ORG
  - c. **Proposed K.A.R.C. Board of Directors Election Change**
    - i. A copy of the older and current language was distributed.
    - ii. Current Club Bylaws (1995) do not hold the current language describing election to the Board of Directors. The changes to the Bylaws were correctly approved by the Club at a meeting in the past, but not incorporated into the Bylaws document. John Mathieson (AC8JW) described the process during his tenure on the K.A.R.C. Board.
    - iii. After discussion it was decided to simply add the new wording as a change to the Bylaws and record it in the history of Bylaw changes. The change was approved during Winter 2012.
  - d. **Proposed K.A.R.C. Board of Directors Annual Goals**
    - i. A copy of two proposals was distributed. After discussion consensus emerged for one of the proposals.
    - ii. **Proposed: *Each year the Board will establish at most 3 to 5 specific goals for the year. These goals should be discussed and proposed and established at the first Board meeting after the Annual Club meeting or within 30 days after the first meeting of the new Board.***
      - 1. The motion was passed without dissent.
    - iii. Annual Goals will be discussed and approved at the next Board Meeting.
  - e. **Update ARRL Club Information**
    - i. ARRL requires Club information be updated annually. Information may be updated online.
    - ii. The secretary will update info by tomorrow. Info includes: contact person and officers, number of members and members who are also ARRL members.
  - f. **Membership Report**
    - i. Paid Members: 43, Honorary Members: 3, Total Members: 46
  - g. **Regional Ham Club Contacts**
    - i. In progress. Contact info being gathered via ARRL.net and QRZ.com
    - ii. Problems incomplete info and out of date info.
    - iii. Would like one contact with each regional ham club.
    - iv. Barry County Ham Club website was recommended as a source of information.
  - h. **Members Only Facebook Group**
    - i. Only current members could view and post. Membership is by invitation only. This would be extended by the Club secretary.
    - ii. Board discussion was not favorable at this time. This project will not be pursued.
  - i. **Proposed Club Activity for 2019 – US IOTA**
    - i. US Islands on the Air 25-th Anniversary – special awards for activating or chasing. Twenty-five islands needed for an award
    - ii. Michigan has 60 qualified and 35 not yet qualified islands.
    - iii. Activation is like a “local” Dxpedition.

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- j. **Proposed Club Activity for 2019 – Introduction to Contesting**
  - i. Multisession class involving hands on experience – learn about, observe, then participate
- 5. **Emergency Coordinator Report - John (AC8JW)**
  - i. **D-Star System in Southwest Michigan**
    - 1. Two repeaters – Paw Paw and Sumnerville Michigan – likely use a WiFi connection to the Internet.
    - 2. Third repeater was to be in Cold Water, Michigan (Branch County). Problems locating a site with Internet connection. Also looking for a site in St. Joseph County.
  - ii. **Packet Radio**
    - 1. Being used in Southeast Michigan.
    - 2. APRS in the K.A.R.C. shack. APRS station needs a new power supply.
      - a. Charles (WD8AXA) will purchase a new power supply.
      - b. Possibly upgrade the Raspberry Pi and software in allow local display of map.
  - iii. **Local RACES Membership**
    - 1. Limited; need more people
    - 2. Radio operators, damage assessment, community emergency response team (CERT)
      - a. Kalamazoo County currently has no CERT
  - iv. **Skywarn**
    - 1. Kalamazoo County will have Skywarn training this year.
      - a. John will get info to the secretary to post on W8VY.ORG and W8VY Facebook
      - b. Suggestion that Skywarn meeting be held in place of a K.A.R.C. meeting, but perhaps in a different (larger) location. Current plans are to hold the meeting at Portage City Hall.
- 6. **Member-At-Large Report - Barry (KE8JCD)**
  - i. **D-Start Presentation at K.A.R.C. Meeting**
    - 1. Terry Tassos (N8LN) is willing to talk to Club members, perhaps in Spring 2019.
- 7. **Vice-president Report - Randy (KE8R)**
  - i. **Winter Field Day**
    - 1. 15 participants
    - 2. 75 contacts; longest DX was Costa Rica
    - 3. Excellent activity. Must repeat next year.
    - 4. Randy will acquire the logging software for the Club and enter this year's contact info. Our contacts will be looking for us to confirm the contacts officially.
  - ii. **MI QSO Party – April 20-21, 2019**
    - 1. Two-hour signup sheets
    - 2. Rover driving to various counties/grid squares – Randy wants to be mobile
    - 3. Mark (KE8HAA) will find scores from local club. K.A.R.C. will use these as a goal for improvement for next year. Another goal is to exceed the 6 person turn-out from last year.
  - iii. **Skype with DXengineering – February K.A.R.C. Meeting**
    - 1. Testing Skype is in progress
    - 2. Rand has a backup plan if problems arise
  - iv. **Hamfest Workgroup**
    - 1. First meeting of 2019: 5:45-6:45 pm before the K.A.R.C. Meeting

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**v. Open Mike at K.A.R.C. Meetings**

1. Good idea. Randy (KE8R) and Charles (WD8AXA) will discuss topics and questions.

**8. President's Report - Charles (WD8AXA)**

- a. **Field Day Laptops** need battery replacements to maintain real-time clocks.

The next Board meeting will be March 12.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm (Eastern Standard Time).

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