

**KALAMAZOO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**  
**MINUTES THE MEETING OF THE BOARD**  
*Monday, March 11, 2019*

A meeting of the Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club Board (the "Board"), was held on Monday, March 11, 2019 at the American Red Cross Kalamazoo Chapter House. First regular Board Meeting on the new schedule.

**Board Members Present:** Randy Mead (KE8R) Vice-president, Mark Kerstetter (KE8HAA) Secretary, Alex Stuart (KE8ICM) Treasurer, Barry Bowman (KE8JCD) Member At-Large, and Ron Schubot (N8CML) Member At-Large.

**Board Members Absent:** Charles Agosti (WD8AXA) President, excused; John Mathieson (AC8JW) Emergency Coordinator and John Tucker (WB8ZVV) Trustee.

**Call to Order:** Randy Mead (KE8R) Vice-president called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm (Eastern Daylight 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. Announcements**

- a. It is with much sadness that the passing of Paul Mejia (K9RRX) on Friday, March 12, 2019. Visitation will be Wednesday, March 13, 2019 from 4-7 pm at Langland Chapel on 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Funeral service will be on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at Langland Chapel with luncheon to follow.
- b. Kalamazoo County Skywarn Training will be on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Portage City Hall.

**2. Board Meeting K.A.R.C. Bylaws**

- a. Ron Schubot (N8CML) edited a copy of the 2004 Bylaws to incorporate the changes from the 2014 Bylaws. Ron distributed the edited copy to board members via email. We currently haven't found an official copy of the 2014 Bylaws. The Board will discuss the edited copy at a future Board Meeting.

**3. Secretary Report:** Mark (KE8HAA)

- a. The Board presented possible goals for this year.
- b. Goals listed are very high level and can be subdivided into small, more specific goals.
- c. Measures or implementation details were not discussed.
- d. These are the high level goals discussed:
  - i. K.A.R.C. Logo on Apparel – clothing, patches, badges
  - ii. Promote Club Interest – Quarterly Dinners, Social Time, Special Activities & Events
  - iii. Honor Club Members – Various Possibilities – Promote Pride & Morale
  - iv. Encourage and Promote Club Continuity – Leadership, Trustee (technical ability), & VE Testing
  - v. Increase Club Membership
  - vi. Club Records – Organized & Accessible Online – Inventory, Membership, Financial, Bylaws, Decisions, & Minutes
  - vii. Increase Repeater Use
  - viii. Increase Club Revenue
  - ix. Increase Involvement of Youth
  - x. Increase Involvement of Women and Minorities
  - xi. Advance the Stature & Reputation of K.A.R.C.

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- xii. Increase Technical Abilities of Club Members
  - xiii. Increase the Use of CW in the Club
  - xiv. Increase the Use of Digital Modes in the Club
  - xv. Increase the Interest in QRP in the Club
  - xvi. Increase Involvement in RACES
  - xvii. Increase Club Involvement in the Local Community
  - xviii. Create an Elmer/Mentor Program
- e. **Goals for 2019** were approved and assigned to members of the board who will champion them.
- i. **K.A.R.C. Logo on Apparel** – clothing, patches, badges – Mark (KE8HAA)
  - ii. **Promote Club Interest** – Quarterly Dinners, Social Time, Special Activities & Events – Alex (KE8ICM)
  - iii. **Honor Club Members** – Various Possibilities – Promote Pride & Morale – Charles (WD8AXA)
  - iv. **Organize Records – Both in Hardcopy & Online** – Inventory, Membership, Financial, Bylaws, Decisions, & Minutes – Mark (KE8HAA)
  - v. **Create an Elmer/Mentor Program** – Randy (KE8R)
- 4. 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 8 starting balance: \$6440.88
  - c. March 2, 2019 balance (to date): \$6591.97
  - d. W8VY web domain and hosting by QTH.COM was paid by David Moss. Alex has contacted David to reimburse him, if desired. The Club's debit card is now recorded with QTH.COM so future charges will be made directly from Club funds rather than personal funds.
  - e. Income tax filing for 2018 is complete.
- 5. Vice-president Report - Randy (KE8R)**
- a. Next Club Meeting**
    - 1. Mark will create PowerPoint agenda and share it with board members.
    - 2. Randy will handle the educational presentation about antennas.
      - i. We will build a dipole and an off-center-fed
      - ii. We will examine some antennas that others bring
    - 3. There will not be an Open Mic section of the meeting, but members will be asked if they have equipment to sell or have other questions relating to the Club or amateur radio.

The next Board meeting will be Monday, April 8.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm (Eastern Daylight Time).

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