

KALAMAZOO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
MINUTES THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
Monday, April 8, 2019

A meeting of the Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club Board (the "Board"), was held on Monday, April 8, 2019 at the American Red Cross Kalamazoo Chapter House.

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, and Ron Schubot (N8CML) Member At-Large, and John Mathieson (AC8JW) Emergency Coordinator.

Board Members Absent: John Tucker (WB8ZVV) Trustee excused

Call to Order: Charles (WD8AXA) 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. April KARC Club Meeting

- a. Open Mic Segment Randy (KE8R), Hints for MI QSO Operation (organized by Randy), Educational Segment: Ham Radio Podcasts Mark (KE8HAA).

2. Future KARC Club Meetings

- a. May 2019 – meeting may be sparsely attended because it precedes Hamvention; preliminary Educational Segment: FT-8.
- b. June 2019 – preparations for Field Day; to be held at FD site (Oshtemo Township Park); need a coordinator for Field Day; possible fox hunt

3. Secretary Report: Mark (KE8HAA)

- a. Distributed Board Minutes for Monday, March 11, 2019
- b. Distributed KARC Member Roster – 48 members; Ken Irish, Jr (W8JVP) and Dustin Thomas (N8RMA) have joined.
- c. Report on K.A.R.C. Logo & Apparel 2019 Goal
 - i. Discussed individual embroidered W8VY logo patches; distributed info from supplier
 - ii. Stadriemblems.com 100 2.5"x2.5" 100% embroidered patch with iron-on backing; cost \$170.00
 - iii. Every current member will receive one patch; new members will also receive one patch when they join
 - iv. Members may purchase additional patches for \$3 per patch
 - v. An alternative of producing a hat pin will be investigated for the future.
 - vi. Proposal was discussed and approved with a vote of 5 yes, 1 no
- d. Report on K.A.R.C. Honor Club Members 2019 Goal
 - i. Continue to use and expand Club meeting visual agenda
 1. Birthdays, license upgrades, new/renewed memberships
 2. Operating Reports: contests, local nets, other on-air activity
 - ii. Other honors
 1. Club meeting attendance
 2. Club volunteer service
 3. Participation in Club events

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4. **Treasurer Report:** Alex (KE8ICM)
 - a. No formal report was distributed.
 - b. All funds are comingled in a single KARC account. No physical separation of gifts, Club meeting donation boxes, etc.
5. **Vice-president Report** - Randy (KE8R)
 - a. **Kalamazoo Hamfest**
 - i. Distributed fliers for the Kalamazoo Hamfest
 - ii. Entrance fee will increase from \$6 to \$7
 - iii. Prize sponsors from the Cadillac Swap Fest were discussed
 - a. **MI QSO Party** – April 20.
 - i. Two donated SDR receiver boxes will be given to the KARC Ham Shack operators earning the most contacts. We will solicit more operators for two hour time slots. We'll publicize these online.
 - ii. Charles (WD8AXA) will bring doughnuts. We need commitments for food and beverages.
 - b. 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.
6. **Emergency Coordinator Report** - John (AC8JW)
 - a. **Skywarn Training**
 - i. Good coverage by WWMT TV; good attendance; more general public attendance than hams
 - b. **MI National Guard** at Kalamazoo County Fair Grounds - end of month exercise
7. Club Projects
 - a. Voltage Measurement Kit Ron(N8CML) – kit vs. prebuilt component – Is it worth the cost?
 - b. Rat Tail Antenna Charles (WD8AXA)

The next Board meeting will be Monday, May 13.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm (Eastern Daylight Time).

Respectfully submitted, _____ Mark Kerstetter (KE8HAA), Secretary