

KALAMAZOO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
MINUTES THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
Monday, August 12, 2019

A meeting of the Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club Board (the "Board"), was held on Monday, August 12, 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 Tucker (WB8ZVV) Trustee.

Board Members Absent: John Mathieson (AC8JW) Emergency Coordinator excused.

Call to Order: Charles (WD8AXA) President called the meeting to order at 6:33 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. **Treasurer Report:** Alex (KE8ICM)
 - a. Expenditures: PO Box was paid (\$10 increase over last year) and Repeater Tower Rental was paid
2. **Secretary Report:** Mark (KE8HAA)
 - a. Facebook and webpage were updated for the August meeting. Email forwarding address for the emergency coordinator has been corrected to emc@w8vy.org
3. **President Report:** Charles (WD8AXA)
 - a. Shack Equipment
 - i. Purchased a switching power supply for the club's iCom-735 was purchased (\$60)
 - ii. Purchased an external speaker for the shack (\$29)
 - iii. **Proposed:** To reimburse the president for purchases approved by verbal consensus at a previous Board meeting. **Moved:** Ron; **Supported:** Mark; **Approved:** Unanimous voice vote
 - b. Bike Race in Ft. Custer
 - i. After discussion, it was agreed that a decision to support or not support a request to provide race communication be set before the club membership at the next meeting.
 - c. A coax connection between an antenna connected to the shack will be found/built to connect the shack to the meeting This will allow live radio demonstrations at club meetings.
3. **Member-at-Large Report:** Ron (N8CML) – Nothing to Report
4. **Vice-president Report:** Randy (KE8R)
 - a. KARC Fall Activity
 - i. KARC should have a special event station sometime in the fall
 - ii. There is a VHF-UHF contest being held in the fall; perhaps the club should participate
 - b. DXEngineering Skype Meeting
 - i. Possible topics: DXEngineering Story, K3LR, contesting, NVIS, Emcomm, APRS, antennas & switching, grounding & bonding
 - ii. APRS and NVIS topics drew the most Board interest. NVIS will be requested for the September meeting.
5. **Member-at-Large Report:** Barry (KE8JCD) – Nothing to Report
6. **Trustee Report:** John (WB8ZVV)
 - a. Frequency coordination is progressing

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- b. Pat Simpson (WD8NTX) became a silent key several years ago. John Tucker and Jack Koole will help dispose of ham equipment at hamfests.
- c. Technician Class
 - i. 10 week class starting in late September, probably on Tuesdays
 - ii. Class will be announced on website and Facebook page when details are known.

The next Board meeting will be Monday, September 9.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm (Eastern Daylight Time).

Respectfully submitted, _____ Mark Kerstetter (KE8HAA), Secretary