

## **K.A.R.C. September 2022 Board Meeting Minutes**

September 12th, 2022

Meeting started at: 6:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:30 pm

### Attendees:

Alex Stuart (KE8ICM)

Christoph Hartel (KD8QNL)

John Tucker (WB8ZVV)

Ken Irish (W8JVP)

George Foley (K3CP)

John Mathieson (AC8JW)

### Old Business and Agenda Items:

- State of Michigan:
  - LARA registration and fee - Christoph is filing this week after clarification of details
  - KARC Balance - \$6074.46
  - Membership dues/rates will stay the same for 2023
- Hamfest
  - Balance \$3,176.78 after paying for this years site fees
- September Meeting topics
  - Survey results
  - Getting wire antennas into a tree effectively
- Future Meeting Topics Ideas
  - October: License Renewals (John)
  - November: George will look at members who offered presentations in the Survey
- Survey Results Discussion
  - 5 main areas/topics we should focus on per Ken:
    - Licensing
      - Teaching people how to be hams after getting licensed
      - And how to get licensed/work through FCC processes
    - Antennas
    - Radio Wave Propagation
    - Unique Digital Modes
      - FT8, DSTAR, DMR, C4FM
  - How to incorporate this into actionable items and engaging activities
    - Let's ID some possible days/times that would work for the group
      - Shack night
      - Weekend Activities
      - Monday or Thursday night net
        - Net and Shack nights could coincide giving people an opportunity to learn to run a Net or operate a radio without

needing their own equipment and having mentorship available

- We'll query the group at the next meeting on some possible day's and times.

#### New Business

- John Tucker will be absent for October and November Board meetings due to the Technicians class running on Mondays for those months. He has 3 new students this time around.
- John Mathieson, working with Tom Bosscher (K8TB) has prepared a Raspberry PI based WinLink system for installation at the Red Cross as part of the Central Michigan Emergency Network. Only needs access to the antenna and power supply that used to be used for the packet station that's been out of service for the last few years.
  - Approved - All members agreed that this would be a welcome addition to the shack and the capabilities of the area.
  - Would also be a great opportunity for a presentation and demonstration of WinLink for the club once installed.