

KALAMAZOO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
MINUTES THE CLUB MEETING
Thursday, February 15, 2018

A meeting of the Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club, was held on Thursday, February 15, 2018 at the American Red Cross Kalamazoo Chapter House.

Present: 19 members and guests

1. **Call to Order:** Ed (KD8WAV) called the meeting to order at 7 pm (Eastern Standard Time) and Mark (KE8HAA) recorded the minutes. Members and guests introduce themselves, by call sign or otherwise.

2. **Educational Presentation:** Vice-president Charles (WD8AXA) introduced Al Mellon (N8KLI) of the Radio Programming Unit of the Department of Technology, Management, and Budget of the State of Michigan who spoke about the 800 System (Michigan Public Safety Communications System. The presentation lasted from about 7:15 pm until 8 pm. Following the presentation, there was a short 10 minute break for refreshments.

3. Officers Reports:

President:

- a. Ed (KD8WAV) asked attendees to complete and submit feedback cards left on each seat. These will help the KARC Board plan Club activities and objectives.
- b. Folks were asked to contact Don Verhage and wish him well.
- c. A volunteer is needed to take charge of the Silent Key Memorial (plaque now in the club radio room).

Vice-president:

- a. Charles (WD8AXA) had nothing to report.

Treasurer:

- a. Alex (KE8ICM) will be meeting with the past treasurer to obtain records and discuss the financials of the Club.

Secretary:

- a. Mark (KE8HAA) reported that he is working on the Club website and Club Facebook page. The secretary also handles membership applications, rolls, etc. He will be getting more information from the past treasurer who handled membership duties as well as the treasurer's duties.

4. Old Business:

- a. Five WPM CW Class. David Moss could not attend the Club meeting but did receive a positive response for holding code classes. He will provide more information at a later time.
- b. Club Build. The Club will hold a build project that will get people started in Fox Hunting. The first part of the project will be building an attenuator for the antenna. The club has purchased a few kits and kits can also be purchased online. Please talk to Charles (WD8AXA) to purchase a kit (about \$15) and to find out about other phases of the project, e.g., building the antenna, learning to fox hunt.
- c. Field Day. KARC and SMART will again hold Field Day at Flescher Field (June 23-24).

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- d. Kalamazoo Hamfest. There will be a meeting of the Hamfest Committee at the Red Cross Chapter House at 6:30 pm before the next Club meeting on Thursday, March 15. The focus of the meeting will be to find a chair for this year's event.
- 5. New Business
 - a. John (AC8JW) has implemented an APRS Digipeater in the W8VY shack. The radio replaces the Packet Station.
- 6. Announcements
 - a. Skywarn Training will be held Saturday, February 24 at Lakeview Middle School in Calhoun County.
 - b. MI QSO Party will be held on April 21.
 - c. The 220 Repeater was temporarily off the air, but it is back working.
 - d. Crossroads Hamfest will be held on Saturday, March 17 at the Wings Event Center.
 - e. Jack (KE8TJ) introduced himself as the new SMART president.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm (Eastern Standard Time).

Respectfully submitted, _____ Mark Kerstetter (KE8HAA), Secretary