

KALAMAZOO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
MINUTES THE CLUB MEETING
Thursday, April 19, 2018

A meeting of the Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club was held on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at the American Red Cross Kalamazoo Chapter House.

Present: 23 members and guests

- 1. Call to Order:** Ed (KD8WAV) called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm (Eastern Daylight Time) and Mark (KE8HAA) recorded the minutes. Members and guests introduce themselves, by call sign or otherwise.
 - a. Printed agenda and treasurers report were distributed.

- 2. Tribute & Moment of Silence**
 - a. Ed (KD8WAV) paid tribute to former KARC President Don Verhage (KC8OQM) who recently became a Silent Key (SK).
 - b. Fred (AC8ED) reminded members to remind significant others of SKs to include the ham's call sign in obituaries since a call sign is significant to the ham and fellow hams.

- 3. Educational Presentation:** Jack Price (KA8AOB) lead a 30 minute presentation about local repeaters. Charles Agosti (WD8AXA) was the scheduled speaker but had to withdraw because of health reasons. Jack spoke mainly of 147.000 and 444.650 KARC repeaters. The discussion also included information about 6 meter repeaters, cross-band repeaters, mobile repeaters, and digital repeaters.

Alex Stuart (KE8ICM) spoke 30 minutes talking about his intelligent controller for the SMART repeater 147.040. He is able to program timed broadcasts of message, news, weather, and code practice including required repeater ids.

There was a short break after this portion of the meeting.

4. Officers Reports:

President: Ed (KD8WAV) **Announcements**

- a. MI QSO Party – Saturday, April 21 – Sunday, April 22 at the KARC Radio Room at the Red Cross Chapter House
- b. Fox Hunt Antenna Build – Sunday, April 22 at the Red Cross Chapter House (9 am – noon)
- c. LoST Team – Wednesday, April 25 Merrill Park (6 pm)
- d. Fox Hunt Tune-up – Saturday, April 28 at Douglas Walker Park in Byron Center (9 am – noon)
- e. ARRL Field Day – Saturday, June 23 – Sunday, June 24 at Flasher Field, Oshtemo
- f. Kalamazoo Hamfest – Sunday, October 21 (8 am – noon)

Vice-president: Charles (WD8AXA) Excused

Treasurer: Alex (KE8ICM)

- a. Reviewed the treasurers report distributed prior to the meeting.
- b. **Motion:** To accept the treasurer's report.

Proposed: Don (WE8UPJ) **Supported:** Lynn (WB8RWV) **Vote:** Passed unanimously

Secretary: Mark (KE8HAA)

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- a. Membership
 - i. 36 paid members
 - ii. 21 individuals have not paid dues for 2018
 - iii. 3 members are exempt from dues (KARC Board approval)
 - iv. Reminder: Membership runs from October 1 through September 30 of the following year.
- b. Email meeting reminders were sent prior to the meeting.
- c. Contact information cards were distributed and collected at the meeting. Cards gathered email, phone numbers, and text messaging numbers to aid in distributing Club announces.
- d. Meeting Minutes for previous meeting and this meeting will be distributed at next month's meeting.
- e. Secretary will send SK notifications for four recent silent keys to the ARRL for publication in QST.

5. Old Business:

- a. Ed (KD8WAV) requested help from someone to handle the KARC SK Plaque. We will enter the most recent SKs on the plaque.

6. Old Business:

- a. Jack Price (KA8AOB) invited hams to join him in working with The Crop Walk on Sunday, April 29 from 2 pm – 4 pm. Meet at Bronson Park at 1 pm.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm (Eastern Daylight Time).

Proposed: Gary (KB5BGC) **Supported:** Barry (KE8JCD) **Vote:** passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted, _____ Mark Kerstetter (KE8HAA), Secretary