

KALAMAZOO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
MINUTES THE CLUB MEETING
Thursday, September 20, 2018

A meeting of the Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club was held on Thursday, September 20, 2018 at the American Red Cross Kalamazoo Chapter House.

Present: 19 members

- 1. Call to Order:** Ed (KD8WAV) called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm (Eastern Daylight Time) and Mark (KE8HAA) recorded the minutes. Members and guests introduce themselves, by call sign or otherwise.
 - a. Printed agenda and Treasurer's Report were distributed.

- 2. Silent Auction:** Charles Agosti (WD8AXA)
 - a. Radios, antennas, and other items from AVCOM were available for bids.
 - b. Some items were sold. Remaining items will be priced for sale at the Kalamazoo Hamfest 2018.
 - c. During the "bidding" part of the Silent Auction(7:25-7:30 pm) a video about fox hunting was shown.

- 3. Announcements:** Ed (KD8WAV)
 - a. Status of the D-STAR Repeater.
 - i. Still working with Borgess Medical Center. Repeater needs an IP address for Internet access. We probably need a router to connect between the repeater hardware and Borgess addresses.
 - b. Nominations for the KARC Board of Directors will begin at the October Club meeting.

- 4. Officers Reports:**
 - a. **Trustee:** John Tucker (WB8ZVV)
 - i. Four students are enrolled in the Technician Licensing Class
 - ii. Interested parties should contact John.
 - b. **Hamfest:** Randy Mead (KE8R)
 - i. Kalamazoo Hamfest 2018 will be held Sunday, October 21
 - ii. Two Forums – D-STAR and FT-8
 - iii. Table sales are going well
 - iv. Volunteers are needed to help vendors unload and set up on Saturday afternoon, during the hamfest, and to help the vendors load after the hamfest.
 - c. **Vice President:** Charles Agosti (WD8AXA)
 - i. Jim Gorka will present "Traveling Radio Station" at the October meeting.
 - d. **Secretary:** mark Kerstetter (KE8HAA)
 - i. Membership renewal is annual and takes place during October. Our membership year runs from October 1 through September 30.
 - e. **Treasurer:** Alex Stuart (KE8ICM)
 - i. Report was distributed at this meeting.

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5. New Business:

- a. Barry Bowman (KE8JCD) Suggested that propagation resources be a topic for a future meeting.
- b. Randy Mead (KE8R) contacted DXEngineering who can provide a Skype presentation at a future meeting.
- c. All were encouraged to make suggestions about meeting presentation topics.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8 pm (Eastern Daylight Time). Some of those at the meeting drove to visit the new Field Day site.

Respectfully submitted, _____ Mark Kerstetter (KE8HAA), Secretary