

General Membership Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Nick, KD8JBG.

Secretary's Report (Todd, W8YHF):

Minutes of the February 2016 meeting were accepted as published on the website.

Treasurer's Report (Rich, WA8MTI):

General Fund:	\$3,694.55
Membership:	<u>\$126.76</u>
Total:	<u>\$3,821.31</u>

Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Upcoming events:

Programs:

March:

3/28 E.A.T.: We will be viewing electronics training videos.

April:

4/11 Monthly Meeting

4/25 E.A.T.: Tulip Time Radio Programming (see *New Business* below)

VE Testing:

VE Testing is conducted at the Red Cross on the second Saturday of each even-numbered month at 6pm.

"Ham in a Day" events are held prior to the April, August, and December VE testing sessions at 1pm.

The registration form for the Ham in a Day class is located at:

<http://tinyurl.com/harchiad>

National Parks on the Air (NPOTA):

From the ARRL Website (<http://www.arrl.org/NPOTA>):

"Throughout 2016, Amateur Radio will be helping the National Park Service celebrate their 100th anniversary.

Hams from across the country will activate NPS units, promote the National Park Service and showcase Amateur Radio to the public."

You can follow NPOTA activity on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NPOTA> or on Twitter: [@ARRL NPOTA](https://twitter.com/ARRL_NPOTA)

Foxhunt:

There will be a foxhunt training session at Douglas Walker Park on Saturday, April 30th at 10am followed by a foxhunt at noon.

Old Business:

Repeater Controller:

The new controller has been installed. It controls the VHF and UHF repeaters and can be used to link them together.

Nick, KD8JBG talked to Julie from "Just a Chance" [<http://on.fb.me/21TgLfB>] at Skywarn training. She intends to attend one of our club meetings.

New Business:

Amazon Smile: HARC has set up an account on Amazon to receive a percentage of our members' Amazon purchases if they choose to designate HARC as their selected charity. More information about the Amazon Smile program is available at <http://smile.amazon.com/gp/aw/ch/about>.

Tulip Time: Nick, KD8JBG would like to get everyone together for a radio programming party in the days prior to this years' parades. We will make this the program for the April E.A.T. meeting.

Field Day: John Hanse, AC8HZ will be the Field Day chairman again this year. He is planning on holding the event at East Saugatuck Park again this year.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm, followed by a presentation by Paul Dobosz, K8PD on Digital Mobile Radio (DMR). More information about DMR can be found at <http://dmr-marc.net/>.

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Please contact the Secretary with comments or corrections.