

## General Membership Meeting Minutes

March 13th, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Nick, KD8JBG.

### **Secretary's Report (Josh, KE8DXB): - Approved**

Minutes of the February 2017 meeting were accepted as published on the website.

### **Treasurer's Report (Rich, WA8MTI): - Approved**

General Fund: \$3,269.46

Membership: \$191.72

Cash: \$13

Total: \$3,474.18

Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

### **Upcoming events:**

HARC Programs:

Ham Fests:

3/18/2017 Michigan Crossroads Hamfest and Radio Swap [www.w8df.com/index.php?content=hamfest](http://www.w8df.com/index.php?content=hamfest)

3/19/2017 Hamfest 2017 <http://www.wpmqb.rog>

3/19/2017 Toledo Mobile Radio Association Hamfest and Computer Fair <http://www.tmrahamradio.org>

3/25/2017 MARK Sullivan Hamfest <http://www.gsl.net/mark/>

4/1/2017 Columbus Hamfest <http://www.carcnet.net>

4/1/2017 MRAC/MAARS Swapfest <http://www.w9rh.org/club-events/swapfest/>

4/8/2017 CFARC 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hamfest <http://www.cfarc.org/hamfest.php>

4/8/2017 Madison Hamfest <http://www.gsl.net/mara>

News worthy items:

- International Crystal Manufacturing is going out of business.
- Radio Shack filed for bankruptcy.

VE Testing:

VE Testing is conducted at the VictoryPoint Ministries youth building on the second Saturdays of March, July, November, and December at 6pm.

E.A.T

This month's E.A.T. meeting is going to be on March 27, 2017, led by Jeff, KD8THX.

"Ham in a Day" events will be held at 1pm on April 8th (Second Saturday) VE Testing follows each event at 6pm. For more information, or to register for the Ham in a Day class, please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/holohiad>

Michigan State Parks on the Air (MSPOTA):

From the MSPOTA Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/MSPOTA2017/>):

*"The NORTHERN MICHIGAN AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE TEAM (NM8RT) is working directly with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation Division to operate a three year HAM Radio event "Michigan State Parks on the Air". MSPOTA is slated to kick-off in June of 2017."*

March 16<sup>th</sup> – Skywarn Training @ 6:30P. Doors open at 5:30P. The program will take place at Grandville High School, 700 Canal Ave SW, Grandville, MI 49418. Preregister at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kent-ottawa-severe-weather-spotter-training-2017-registration-28894842251?aff=es2>

2 Meter Net – The 2m net of the Holland Amateur Radio Club will begin at 7:30 at 147.06. All amateur radio enthusiasts are welcome to join the net. Please check in and join the fun! Feel free to reach out to Ed to take Net control, extra help is needed for March and April.

Simplex Net - Plan to be on 2 Meter Simplex at 146.530 Mhz at 7:30 this evening. This net is headed up by Aaron Folkert, KD8VUN. If you would like to act as net control or have any ideas for improving the net, please contact Aaron. Hope to hear you on the air!

**Windmill's on the Air** – May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Multiple Stations

If interested contact Phil Van Huis at [pjvanhuis@wmol.com](mailto:pjvanhuis@wmol.com)

**Old Business:**

New Member “Welcome Wagon”:

Jack, KE8CIO would like to help in welcoming new hams to the club. Tom will get him the list of Ham in a Day graduates. Jack suggested compiling a list of club members’ technical strengths to aid in elmering the new hams. He will post an invitation to share this information on the reflector. – Would like to give out information to folks who were listening, but a little “mic shy”.

Library Youth STEM Presentation:

Nick, KD8JBG: This presentation will take place in the Summer or Fall of 2017. The target audience will be teens and adults. This presentation should be about one hour in length. – Jeff to assist, discussed an intro to Amateur Radio, fox hunt and balloon launch.

Club Directory:

Nick, KD8JBG: We will maintain an electronic document from this point forward.

Members that would like a printed copy can request one.

Tom, K8TB to put up on the website.

Spark in the Park:

This year’s event will be held on August 19th from 9am-1pm.

Yaesu System Fusion Demo:

Jack, KE8CIO: Mike, N8XPQ has volunteered to do a Yaesu System Fusion demo for the club. Nick, KD8JBG will get in touch with Mike, and the second Monday night of the month doesn’t work for Mike. Jeff (KD8THX) mentioned combining that training with an E.A.T. Meeting. Nick will discuss that with Mike and see if that will work on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month.

By Law Changes:

By Law Revisions Committee – Tom, K8TB (Chair), Bob K8RJB, Dave Lamer – 6 month time frame to work through changes, but it will be some time before we can have a vote on the proposed changes. – Tabled until August.

Oct. 7-8, 2017 The inaugural Great Lakes HamCon will take place this weekend at the Michigan International Speedway near Brooklyn, MI. This world class event will feature commercial vendors, outdoor flea markets, indoor booth space, meetings, get-togethers, and forums. More information will be available at [www.glhamcon.org](http://www.glhamcon.org) as details are finalized. In the meantime, you can contact the organizers at [info@glhomcon.org](mailto:info@glhomcon.org) with any questions, comments or ideas you may have.

Invoice for website transfer to new web hosting and domain transfer - Virtbiz for \$89.97

Tulip Time – No word yet on how much help they will need.

Amazon Smile – Holland ARC is an option. Amazon seems to be some trouble getting emails to and from Nick.

**New Business:**

Field Day Coordinator – The club is looking for someone to coordinate the field day events. A notice will be put out on the reflector.

Submitted:

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Please contact the Secretary with comments or corrections.