

# Hillsdale County Amateur Radio Club

Club Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2016

In attendance: President Don Gambill KC8WAU, Vice President Dan Sprow KC8RYF, Treasurer Joe Gosla KD8UJS, Members Bill Hicks WB8FFO, Jerry Jordan KA8IEC, Dave King KQ8R, Mark SeEVERS KC8QVX, Jim Spencer KD8YDD, Guests Central Dispatch 911 Deputy Director Tracy Peter, Central Dispatch 911 Director Doug Sanford N8WFB, Jan Spencer, Emergency Management Deputy Director Dick Zimmer KC8WEI (8 members, 4 guests, 12 total).

The meeting was held at the new 911 building in Hillsdale and was called to order at 1900.

## **Membership Report**

Don reported membership was 15 as of the last meeting on September 15. No activity since. Membership at the start of the meeting stood at 15.

## **Determination of Quorum**

Eight of 15 members being present, both a regular quorum (1/3) and a constitutional quorum (1/2) were present.

## **Meeting Minutes**

Don read the meeting minutes from the July 21 meeting. Noted one typo. Jim moved to approve with correction, Jerry second, motion passed. Don read the meeting minutes from the September 15 meeting. Noted one typo. Jerry moved to approve, Joe second, motion passed.

## **Treasury Reports**

Joe presented the treasury report for July 31 with an ending balance of \$1,231.91. Dave moved to approve, Jim second, motion passed. Joe presented the treasury report for August 31 with an ending balance of \$1,231.91. Jim moved to approve, Dan second, motion passed. Joe presented the treasury report for September 30 with an ending balance of \$1,231.91. Jim moved to approve, Jerry second, motion passed. Joe presented the treasury report for October 31 with an ending balance of \$1,231.91. Jim moved to approve, Mark second, motion passed.

## **Board Meeting Update**

Board met on November 7. Meeting business was routine. Minutes available.

## **Past Events**

September 17 GRAHamfest (Wyoming): No report.

September 18: Adrian Hamfest: No report.

October 8: Ham Breakfast at Coffee Shop in North Adams: Four members attended.

October 16: Kalamazoo Hamfest: No report.

October 30: USECA Swap & Shop Hamfest in Madison Heights: No report.

November 5: Ham Breakfast Yesterday's Litchfield: Six members attended.

November 12 & 13: Fort Wayne Hamfest: Don, Joe and Dale Smith W9LKI attended from Hillsdale County.

## **Ongoing Business and Reports**

ARES/RACES/SKYWARN: No activity in Simulated Emergency Test on October 8.

Contesting: No reports.

DX: Jerry made a contact in Casablanca, Morocco.

Equipment: No reports.

FCC License Database Activity Since Last Meeting:

09/27/16 K8LRC, CROOK, LOGAN R, address updated to out of county

10/14/16 WA8FGT, WESTCOTT, RANDALL, license status set to expired

10/22/16 KD8ALK, FRIEDLINE, JAMES L, license status set to expired

11/03/16 KD8EWV, TURNER SR, JOHN, license renewed

11/03/16 KD8EWW, LUCAS, DAVID, license renewed

Hillsdale County Emergency Management: Doug still working on approval to move Emergency Management into the new 911 building. County budget committee has approved. Awaiting approval from county commission.

Net Reports: Bill, Joe, Don and Dave have qualified for exceptional net participation certificate. Mark and Dan are within striking distance. Dan has agreed to serve as net control on the forth Monday monthly.

Newsletter: No updates.

PRB-1 Update: US House passed HR1301 Amateur Radio Parity Act on September 12. Senate received bill on September 13. ARRL has requested membership send letters to their senators and created a website to make it easy to do this electronically.

Repeaters: No updates.

Traffic handling: No reports.

Volunteer activity: No reports.

Website: One downtime event since last meeting for 9.81 hours and 99.34% uptime. YTD uptime is 98.99%. Don remarked that website uptime has improved markedly in the last year.

## **Unfinished Business**

None

## **New Business**

Board recommends that dues for 2017 remain unchanged. Current dues are \$15 for regular membership, \$5 for household membership and free for students.

Christmas party is scheduled for December 16 at the Fayette Street Church Of Christ in Hillsdale.

Don moved to approve a major expenditure of up to \$100 to cover the club costs for the Christmas party, Bill second, motion passed.

Don recognized Dick for being the first to act and start CPR when Joe had his heart attack on August 1 after the Emergency Management meeting.

### **Leadership Elections**

Don reviewed the pertinent parts of the constitution for the leadership elections.

President: Don volunteered to serve as president. No other nominations. Elected on voice vote.

Vice President: Dan volunteered to serve as vice president. No other nominations. Elected on voice vote.

Secretary: No nominations.

Treasurer: Joe volunteered to serve as treasurer. No other nominations. Elected on voice vote.

Board Member At Large: No nominations.

A special election will be held at the next club meeting to fill the vacant positions.

### **News**

Bill Slade WD8MGF of Coldwater became a Silent Key on November 11.

A distracted driving bill was recently introduced in the Michigan House. ARRL Michigan leadership are working with the bill sponsor to insure appropriate accommodations in HB 5867 for amateur radio operations.

The National Park Service (NPS) is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2016, and radio amateurs will be able to help mark the occasion with the ARRL National Parks on the Air (NPOTA) event.

### **Upcoming Events**

December 3 – Fulton County Winter Hamfest

December 4 – LCARC Amateur Radio Swap/Hamfest (Madison Heights)

December 7 – Board Meeting

December 10 – Ham Breakfast

December 16 – Christmas Party

January 4 – Board Meeting

January 14 – Ham Breakfast

January 19 – Club Meeting & Annual Meeting

January 29 – Hazel Park ARC Hamfest

### **Next Club Meeting**

Next meeting January 19 at the First United Methodist Church in Hillsdale.

### **Adjournment**

Jim moved to adjourn, Dave second, meeting adjourned at 1940. Joe provided refreshments.

**Program**

Don introduced Central Dispatch 911 Director Doug Sanford N8WFB, who presented a slide show showing the construction progress of the new 911 building. After the slide show, Doug and Central Dispatch 911 Deputy Director Tracy Peter each took half the group on a tour of the building.

Respectfully submitted by KC8WAU