

# Hillsdale County Amateur Radio Club

Club Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2018

In attendance: President Don Gambill KC8WAU, Vice President Dan Sprow KC8RYF, Member Bill Hicks WB8FFO (3 members, 3 total).

The meeting was held at the Hillsdale First United Methodist Church and started at 1910.

## **Membership Report**

Don reported that membership stood at 16 as of the last club meeting. Three renewals since last meeting. Membership stood at 16 as of March 31. Four members did not renew by the end of the grace period on March 31. Current membership is 12.

## **Determination of Quorum**

Three of 12 members being present, neither a regular quorum (1/3) or a constitutional quorum (1/2) were present. No official business could be transacted.

## **Meeting Minutes**

Meeting minutes were not reviewed because there was not a quorum needed for approval.

## **Treasury Reports**

Treasury reports were not reviewed because there was not a quorum needed for approval.

## **Board Meeting Update**

Board met April 4 and September 6. Meeting business was routine. Minutes available.

## **Past Events**

February 18 Livonia ARC's 47th Annual Swap & Shop: No report.

March 10 Ham Breakfast at Yesterday's Diner in Litchfield. Six amateurs attended. Rumor is that the restaurant is under new management.

March 17 Michigan Crossroads Hamfest: Dan attended.

March 18 Toledo Mobile Radio Association Hamfest & Computer Fair: No reports of Hillsdale County amateurs attending. Dan said that he has heard that some vendors are skipping the Crossroads Hamfest and only going to Toledo.

April 14 Ham Breakfast at Ray's Tavern in Reading: Seven amateurs attended.

## **Ongoing Business and Reports**

**ARES/RACES/SKYWARN:** Dan attended NWS severe weather training in Coldwater on March 20. Also attending from Hillsdale County were Joe Gosla KD8UJS, Dave King KQ8R and Doug Sanford N8WFB.

**Contesting:** No reports.

**DX:** No reports.

**Equipment:** No reports.

**FCC License Database Activity Since Last Meeting:**

03/07/18 KD8IEA, HOUSEKNECHT, CHARLES W, license renewed  
03/13/18 KE8JBC, Kellam, Joey S, new licensee Technician  
03/28/18 N8HJA, JANSEN, SHARON D, license renewed  
03/29/18 W8AGV, RUTH, VERNON L, license status set to expired (SK 12/29/14)  
04/07/18 KC8HEF, NEWSOME, GARY A, address updated to out of county  
04/09/18 KD8IFO, HILLSDALE COUNTY ARES/RACES CLUB, license renewed  
04/11/18 KD8IFO, HILLSDALE COUNTY ARES/RACES CLUB, address updated within county  
04/17/18 N8HJA, JANSEN, SHARON D, administrative update to address

**Great Lakes HamCon:** The hamfest will be held at Michigan International Speedway on October 6 & 7.

**Hillsdale County Emergency Management:** Next siren test and meeting May 7

**Legislative Update:**

Federal PRB-1 HR 555, S1534, no updates.  
Michigan Distracted Driving HB 4466, no update.

**Net Reports:** No reports

**Newsletter:** No updates.

**Repeaters:** No reports

**Traffic handling:** No reports.

**Volunteer activity:** No reports.

**Website:** Two downtime events since last meeting for 23.94 hours and 98.35% uptime. Year to date uptime is 98.71%.

**Field Day**

Field Day is June 23-24.

**Unfinished Business**

Leadership elections for unfilled positions could not be held due to lack of a quorum. Brett Smith KC8ZDA has volunteered to serve as Board Member At Large but needs to be elected.

**New Business**

None.

**News**

Milt Bowers N8BFD became a Silent Key on April 1. Milt was a member of the club for many years and served in many leadership positions, including president.

Former "Coast to Coast AM" and "Dreamland" radio host Art Bell W6OBB became a Silent Key on April 13.

The new Technician question pool for exams after June 30 has been published and revised a couple of times. The current question pool is valid for tests taken before July 1.

### **Upcoming Events**

April 21 – Michigan QSO Party

May 2 – Board Meeting

May 6 – CROP Walk

May 12 – Ham Breakfast at North Adams Coffee Shop

May 18 – CAA Head Start Picnic

May 18-20 – Dayton Hamvention

June 2 – FCARC Summer Fest

June 2 – Hudsonville IRA Hamfest

June 3 – Chelsea Amateur Radio Swapmeet

June 17 – Monroe Hamfest

June 23-24 – Field Day

### **Next Club Meeting**

Next meeting date to be determined.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting concluded at 1938. Don provided refreshments.

Respectfully submitted by KC8WAU