

Hillsdale County Amateur Radio Club

Club Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2018

In attendance: President Don Gambill KC8WAU, Vice President Dan Sprow KC8RYF, Members Bill Hicks WB8FFO, Jerry Jordan KA8IEC (4 members, 4 total).

The meeting was held at the Hillsdale First United Methodist Church and was called to order at 1900.

Membership Report

Don reported that membership stood at 12 as of the last club meeting. No activity since. Current membership is 12.

Determination of Quorum

Four of 12 members being present, a regular quorum (1/3) was present but a constitutional quorum (1/2) was not.

Meeting Minutes

Bill moved to approve meeting minutes from September 21, 2017, November 16, 2017, December 15, 2017 (special meeting), January 13, 2018 (annual meeting), February 17, 2018 and April 18, 2018. Jerry seconded, motion passed.

Treasury Reports

Dan presented operating fund treasury reports for January, February, March, April, May, June and July, and repeater fund reports for March 31 and June 30. Bill moved to approve all, Jerry seconded, motion passed.

Board Meeting Update

Board met May 2, July 7 and August 1. Meeting business was routine. Minutes available.

Past Events

April 21 Michigan QSO Party: No report.

May 6 CROP Walk: Dan and Don worked the event.

May 12 Ham Breakfast at North Adams Coffee Shop: Nine amateurs attended.

May 18 Community Action Agency Head Start Picnic: Don and Wayne Jones N9UGT worked the event.

May 18-20 Dayton Hamvention: No report.

June 2 FCARC Summer Fest (Tedrow): No report.

June 2 Hudsonville IRA Hamfest: No report.

June 3 Chelsea Amateur Radio Swapmeet: No report.

June 9 Ham Breakfast Sidekick Cafe: Five amateurs attended.

June 17 Monroe Hamfest: No report.

June 23-24 Field Day: Dan participated with his son Andy KB9YJH and granddaughter Rachel KD9BJR at Andy's home in Fort Wayne and said that they made over 200 contacts.

July 6-7 ARRL Michigan Section Family Outing: Canceled.

July 14 Ham Breakfast Draft Horse Diner Litchfield: Six amateurs attended.

July 22 Van Wert Hamfest: No report.

July 28 Central Michigan ARC Hamfest (Holt): No report.

August 11 Ham Breakfast Rays Tavern Reading: Five amateurs attended.

August 11 Angola Hamfest: No report.

Dan said that he worked at the Bike 101 Lakes event on May 12.

Ongoing Business and Reports

ARES/RACES/SKYWARN: No report.

Contesting: Michigan State Parks On The Air continues through 2019. ARRL International Grid Chase and NASA On The Air events continue through the end of this year. Jerry made a contact on the Michigan State Parks On The Air event.

DX: Jerry made contacts in Turkey, Sarajevo and Hungary.

Equipment: No reports.

FCC License Database Activity Since Last Meeting:

05/23/18 WA8PNN, GEE, IMO J, license status set to expired

06/27/18 KE8KDK, Parent, Gregory C, new licensee Technician

07/04/18 K1CIK, WANNER, KARL A, license status set to expired (SK 09/26/16)

07/04/18 K8GK, MARKS, DALE E, license status set to expired

07/06/18 K8LRC, CROOK, LOGAN R, address updated from out of county to in county

07/11/18 KC8KUG, GAY, GREGORY K, license renewed

Great Lakes HamCon: The hamfest has been canceled. Refund information is posted on the hamfest website.

Hillsdale County Emergency Management: New products Rave Alert and Smart911 in full use. Rave Alert replaced CodeRED. Next siren test and meeting are September 10. Siren test will be at 10am.

Legislative Update:

Federal PRB-1 HR 555, S1534, no updates.

Michigan Distracted Driving HB 4466, no update.

Net Reports: Bill and Joe Gosla KD8UJS have qualified for exceptional net participation certificates. Logan Crook K8LRC will assume net control duties on the forth Monday each month.

Newsletter: No updates.

Repeaters: 444.825 repeater is back up at Bundy Hill. New 147.06 receiver at Becker & Scrivens has 118.8 PL.

Traffic handling: No reports.

Volunteer activity: No reports.

Website: Two downtime events since last meeting for 13.93 hours and 99.52% uptime. Year to date uptime is 99.14%.

Unfinished Business

Leadership elections for vacant positions: Don opened the floor for nominations for Secretary. No nominations. Don opened the floor for nominations for Treasurer. No nominations. Don opened the floor for nominations for Board Member At Large. No nominations.

New Business

Bill moved to donate \$50 to the Hillsdale First United Methodist Church for use of the building. Dan seconded, motion passed. Don directed Dan to write a check and thank-you note and send to the church.

News

The new Technician question pool for exams started July 1.

ARRL Board voted to replace the Official Observer program with a new program called Volunteer Monitoring, instructing that the transition be implemented as soon as practicable.

Upcoming Events

September 8 – Ham Breakfast North Adams Coffee Shop

September 8 – GRAHamfest (Wyoming)

September 9 – Findlay Hamfest

September 16 – Adrian Hamfest

October 6-7 – Great Lakes HamCon CANCELED

October 21 – Kalamazoo Hamfest & Amateur Radio Show

November 17-18 – Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo

Next Club Meeting

Next meeting date to be determined.

Adjournment

Jerry moved to adjourn, Bill second, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1945. Don provided refreshments.

Respectfully submitted by KC8WAU