

2007 March Membership Meeting Minutes

* The meeting began at 7:16 PM with introductions being made around the room. 30 people filled in the sign-in sheet.

* A presentation on fast-scan television was given by Ron Fredricks, K8DMR. He mentioned that there is an ATV repeater in Grand Rapids on 421.250 MHz (cable channel 57), and a group usually gets together on Thursday evenings at 8:30 PM on 144.340 FM simplex. He also mentioned that they have some spare equipment which could be used to build another ATV repeater.

* A break was held at 8:06 PM, during which 50/50 tickets were sold. The winning tickets were drawn at 8:25 PM. The \$16 jackpot was won by Mike N8XPQ, a Kenwood 2 meter HT was won by Tom KD8DEG, and an Icom hat was won by Kim N8KAL.

* A motion was made by Steve, N8UJD to accept the minutes of the February 2007 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Jim, KC8KE gave the treasurer's report: The heat bill was \$177, however the payment to BPW was returned. The main account has a balance of \$6291.31, and the swap account remains at \$129.54.

* Steve, N8UJD reported on the status of Tulip Time preparations. The parades will be held on May 9, 10 and 12. Twelve operators are needed for the first two parades, and forty will be needed for the final parade.

* Chuck, W8GCW reported that a contract had been established for the club to operate a display at Kinderplaats 2007, and that operators are still needed. Ernie, W8EL said he would help with set-up. This has been described as a warm-up for Field Day.

* Larry, KA8TEY passed on apologies for non-attendance from Ed, KF8EV, and mentioned that Ed can often be found on the YL System, weekdays on 14.332 USB.

* John, KC8QDE reported that swap committee meetings will be held on the last Saturday of each month at 9:30 AM, and announcements would be made on the club and swap reflectors. Motions were made, seconded and passed to authorize the swap to

be held, and to provide up to \$2500 to fund it. The swap will be held on October 20 at the West Ottawa High School.

* Ken, ZR5AAD and Sue, KC8RQS reported that the lease on the Technology and Training Center had been extended to May 2008.

* Joe, N8FQ presented the month's correspondence: a credit card offer from Citibank, which the club decided to throw in the garbage, and a letter from the Northern California DX Foundation informing us of the availability of a video describing their organization. Ernie, W8EL requested that the video be shown at the next club meeting.

* Alan, NV8A brought in an article from the Holland Sentinel reporting on the newly established Zeeland High School amateur radio club, N8ZHS, headed by Dan Mills, N8PPQ.

* Chuck, W8GCW asked for 5×7 pictures of club members in their shacks, to put up in the hallway of the clubhouse. Jim, KC8KE suggested that they be used as dart boards.

* It was announced that Ernie, W8EL was celebrating his 75th birthday. The club sang "Happy Birthday", much to his disgust.

* Ron, KC8OVR mentioned that Larry, K8GMO is recovering from surgery and hopes to be able to attend the club's meetings soon.

* Ike, K8EMU mentioned that the Ottawa County Skywarn training session would be held at Zeeland High School at 6:30 PM on March 22.

* Sue, KC8RQS asked that a schedule be established for the provision of food and refreshments for the monthly mini swap, and reported that Marv Seacrest offered to make coffee mugs with the HARC logo and people's call signs for a reasonable price.

* The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM, and the building was secured at about 9:30 PM.

Any corrections, omissions or other complaints?

-Joe, N8FQ

