

RRA Meeting October 11th, 2016

Sign-in: AC8NI, K8BUU, N8MRC, KD8WZH, WD8WDW, K8DC, KD8TOV, NE8E, KD8LZS, KD8HNF, AB8KP

1. Welcome and introduce new members: Meeting opened @ 7:05p by N8MRC
2. Secretary-Treasurer's report(Tim) We now have (4) Storage lockers for club equipment in the meeting classroom, with keys. As of start-of-meeting, checking balance is \$906.50 and we have \$70.00 cash-on-hand.
3. Current officers will continue for the club year 2016-17. Mike N8MRC president, Gene AB8KP vice-president and Tim AC8NI secretary-treasurer.
4. Proposal to have future club meetings begin at 6:00pm instead of 7:00pm, due to our need to vacate the elementary school before 9:00pm. Held discussion and vote. Carried. 6:00pm start next month and forward. NOTE: Business meeting still starts at 7:00pm.
5. Proposal to raise annual club due's from \$10.00 to \$20.00 because of increased club projects and activities. Held discussion and vote. Carried. raise? Dues increase to be effective with the start of the 2017-2018 club year; next September 1st. NOTE: Any new members joining mid-year will have first year dues adjusted/prorated.
6. Discussion on what to do with the club's non-functioning Icom IC-746 Pro. Should we sell as-is, send in for repair, or attempt a self-repair? Discussion and motion to allow K8DC Jay and NE8E Scott to attempt repair and perform the work as a club activity, starting next meeting. Vote carried with a \$50.00 maximum club expenditure cap. Club will sell the unit for as-is if repair effort is not successful.
7. MiSPOTA (Michigan State Parks on-the-air) report from KD8LZS Brian. This program is currently in its infancy. Facebook page exists at <http://www.facebook.com/MSPOTA2017>. Sounds like there will be a meeting with the DNR next week... more information to follow soon. The 3 year event is slated to kick off on field day of next year. DNR is hoping to

find clubs that will sponsor a state park. KD8LZS Brian (our new State Park liaison) will contact Sessions Lake State Park on behalf of an RRA/Ionia State Park partnership.

8. N8MRC Mike reports that we have been invited to tour WION by Jim (Jim Carlyle K1ION). Club members are in favor of the activity. N8MRC to follow up.
9. Move Antenna's – *tabled to November meeting.*
10. Received '16-'17 dues payment for KD8WZH, KD8WEG, KD8WZI, KD8HNF. Received \$10.00 cash gift donation to club from 'Anonymous.' Thank you very much!
11. Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm by AB8KP Gene. (Mike had to leave meeting early on emergency business)