

RRA Meeting – 10/13/15

Present: AC8NI, N8MRC, KD8WZH, KD8DCE, KD8LZS, AC8RP, NE8E, KD8HNF, KD8WEG, W8WDW, AB8KP

Meeting opened @ 7:00pm by N8MRC

1. Hello & welcome to Bob Sacha KD8DCE, new to the area & now living by Morrison Lake.
2. Review of the SATERN September 11 Special Event. QSL cards from many of the 250+ QSOs made during the event on display at our meeting. Thanks and certificates go to the RRA members who joined in with SATERN folks & made the event a success.
3. Secretary Treasurer's Report:
 - > \$ 1,032.35 in bank deposits and \$ NO cash pending deposit.
 - > Last month's meeting minutes posted on wa8rra.org.
4. VE testing reminder from N8MRC
5. Elections completed – By acclamation, we will continue with our 14-15 officers for the 15-16 club year. President: Mike N8MRC; Vice-President: Gene AB8KP; Secretary / Treasurer: Tim AC8NI
6. Michigan QSO party plugged, 3rd Saturday in April. N8MRC will host a station. International Phone DX Contest in March, Gene will consider hosting, Tim will be a backup.
7. From Roger AC8RP: This coming Thursday is an open house (1p-3p and 5p-7p) at Ionia County Central Dispatch (545 Apple Tree Dr., Ionia, MI 48846). Great chance to see the impressive communication setup & show support for Ionia County!
8. KD8HNF suggested VE training as an activity for the club. ***We will have this next month as an after meeting activity (November 10th).***
9. Suggestion by Brian KD8LZS to learn more about digital ... Bob KD8HNF said maybe Paul W8OPD would help with training. Sounds like another up and coming after meeting activity!
10. Late topic: AC8NI got approval to pay GoDaddy domain fee (for club's wa8rra.org URL registration) for next (2) years, in order to take advantage of 35% discount. Fee will be: \$23.75
11. Later topic: KD8HNF suggested training topic for after meeting activity: "How to use the ARRL bureau for QSL cards."
12. Meeting adjourned by N8MRC to 1st of six open radio rooms in our trial period. Folks out the door by 9:00pm.