



**Riverside Radio Amateurs Meeting
May 8, 2018
At Jay's K8DC QTH**

Attending: Jay K8DC, Liz K8DCL, Hercules KE8DGF, Michael N8MRC, Raymond KE8IUF, Del W8WDW, Roger K8BUU, Gene AB8KP

Jay K8DC taking minutes. Called to order by Michael N8MRC at 18:32.

- Treasurer's report: balance of \$1012.18 as of 4/30/18. Spent \$174.35 on parts for a go-box for the club radios. N8MRC submitted new expenses of \$50 to have the repeater reprogrammed and \$7 for exam printing costs.
- No secretary's report. No Parks on the Air report.
- Mike N8MRC plans to draw up a written Memorandum of Understanding between the club and event organizers for any events that we support in the future. Tabled until the next event.
- Riverbank Run is this weekend. We are not supporting it as a club activity but there is a link on the club website for any individuals wanting to volunteer.
- Sgt. Hoskins has requested our help with two upcoming bike races, both of which start in Kent County and pass through Ionia County. The first is on June 10th and is being coordinated by Roger AC8RP. The second is on August 19th and is being coordinated by Mike N8MRC. An email will be sent out when we have more information.
- Antenna removal from the Tech. Center is still on hold, N8MRC to follow up with the school about a date to remove it.
- Field Day is the weekend of June 23 and we are considering several possible locations: Clarksville, Ionia Airport where we activated last year, or Saranac elementary school where we activated years prior. Mike N8MRC will follow up on the possibility of using one of these locations, and if none of them works out then our fallback is Gene AB8KP's house. The club will most likely need to rent a porta-potty in any event, unless we can use the elementary school building facilities.
- Mike N8MRC reported that he travelled with Gene AB8KP and his XYL to Claire City for the Michigan QSO party, and made about 115 contacts.
- Jay K8DC reported that he and Liz K8DCL worked the Barry Roubaix bike race on April 21, as did Hercules KE8DGF. Jay and Liz also worked the Yankee Springs Time Trials bike race the following weekend on April 28. Ham radio communication was vital to these bike races because mobile phone service is poor or unavailable in some areas.
- Meeting adjourned at 19:22.