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Time to Vote!

Make sure to either come to the December meeting to cast your vote, or at least send in your absentee ballot that is included in this newsletter.

Your candidates this year (not counting any last minute nominations or write-in candidates):

President: N8XD

Vice President: WA8GRI

Secretary: KC8BDQ

Treasurer: KC8BYI

3 Year Board: KC8YVF

December Meeting: Early Start and Snacks

Another good reason to come out to the December 7th meeting – food! Jeff and Judy will prepare club supplied hot appetizers and everyone is encouraged to bring the family or a friend and a scrumptious treat to share with everyone. Don't forget that the fun starts early, at 7:00 pm, with the business portion of the meeting and elections to start at 8:00 pm.

Reminders:

Nominations will be accepted at the December meeting.

ARES members need to have turned in their applications for 2008 to KC8YVF.

The Club Breakfast will be Saturday morning, Dec. 8th, at 9:00 am at the State St. Texan.

TALES FROM AN OLD MAN
WA8GRI

** “The Wouff-Hong is amateur radios most sacred symbol and stands for the enforcement of law and order in amateur operation. The Reddysnitch is used to enforce the principles of decency in operating work.”

**The Radio Amateur Handbook, 1930 page 11.

What ever happened to the Wouff-Hong and Reddysnitch? What has become of their power to enforce both decency and law and order on the Ham bands. Hams used to cringe at the very mention of these dreadful tools, but we don't hear of them much anymore.

While monitoring a neighboring repeater the other day I listened to a QSO by four amateurs that lasted a little longer than 25 minutes. During this period insults were exchanged, bad language was used and things were said that were not conducive to the promotion of amateur radio. I have no idea who these individuals were. An identifying call sign was not given at any time during this 25 minutes.

Fellow hams lets try to practice good operating procedure while on the air. Always remember DON'T BE A LID, others are listening and they may have access to either the Wouff-Hong or the Reddysnitch.

Comments by WA8GRI are meant to promote friendly discussion only.

**Board of Directors
SVARA**

November 14, 2007
Texan on State Street

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 pm. Present were: KC8BDQ, KC8BYI, WA8GRI, W8LPV, KC8YVF, and N8XD.

Reports:

President: Nothing to report

Vice President: Any testing coming up?

Secretary: Motion by KC8BYI seconded by N8XD to accept the minutes of the October board meeting. All were in favor.

Treasurer: The treasurer's report was reviewed.

Chair: W8LPV reported that his email box is overfull and he could not receive the reports from KC8BYI. BYI will find an alternate method to get them to him.

Old Business:

The club trailer will be at the Childrens Zoo Friday Nov. 16th at 4:00 pm. It will be downtown Saturday Nov. 17th at 9:00 am.

New Business

KC8BDQ made a motion asking for up to \$50.00 to winterize the trailer. This would include patio blocks to set it on and a large tarp to cover it with, as well as some Sta-bil for the fuel tank of the generator and an oil change for it too.

KC8YVF said that the Citizen's Corps would be sponsoring SkyWarn training in the fall/winter of 2008. He also pointed out the C.C. will have haz-mat training in April of 2008.

By mutual agreement, the meeting closed at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Weirauch, KC8BDQ
Secretary

General Membership Meeting
November 2, 2007
Red Cross

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 PM. There were 22 members and guests present. The Secretary's report was accepted on a motion by WA8GRI seconded by K8CQF. All were in favor. The club voted in new member KD8HBS, Mike. On a motion by KC8YVD that was seconded by W8LPV, Mike was voted in unanimously. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented on a motion by W8EAB, seconded by W8CWD. All were in favor.

Old Business:

W8LPV told club members about the recent donation of a small cube refrigerator for the club trailer. His organization, the Michigan Business Professionals Association, which has donated so much to us already, made this generous gift to our club.

Lou also mentioned that W8TJ was graciously working on our 501 c (3) pro-bono.

KC8YFV reported that the new Emergency Operations Center was activated for the first time on Angel's Night. Some 800-1000 volunteers turned out, helping reduce arsons from 34 last year to just 9 this year.

N8XD mentioned that the club station at the Red Cross was operated from about 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm Friday night and from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon or so on Saturday for the CQ World Wide contest.

New Business:

KC8BDQ reminded members about Pride Parade and it was announced that N8ERL would put his truck in the parade. The club trailer will be downtown on Genesee near the review stand.

On a motion by KC8BYI, seconded by KC8YVD it was agreed to purchase some candy to give out during the parade.

Members were also reminded to come out to the Children's Zoo Friday night for Santa messages.

KC8YVF reminded ARES members they need to have their 2008 application completed and to him by December 1st.

KC8BYI asked if club members would like to have a pot luck dinner for the December meeting instead of just dessert. N8ERL suggested appetizers and such. It was eventually agreed that the club would supply meatballs and cocktail franks for the event. It was also agreed to start the meeting 1 hour earlier, at 7:00 pm to allow time to mix and mingle and enjoy some snacks.

WA8GRI asked if everyone had W8HZF's new address.

W8LPV said he would try to secure some prizes to give out at the December meeting.

Nominations were handled by K8CQF and the results were as follows:

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Vice-President: WA8GRI

Secretary: KC8BDQ

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The 50/50 drawing was won by Joe, KD8AFM. He pocketed \$18.50.

KD8AUY gave a presentation on television picture tubes.

On a motion by KC8BYI, seconded by N8XPS, the meeting closed at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Weirauch, KC8BDQ
Secretary



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-and- Emergency HF stations at the American Red Cross and auxiliary field operations.

General Membership meeting - monthly on the 1st Friday, 8:00 p.m.
at the American Red Cross, 1232 N. Michigan.

Board of Directors meeting - monthly on the 2nd Wednesday
following the general membership meeting,
8:00 p.m. at the Texan Restaurant, 5656 State St.

Club Breakfast – monthly on Saturday morning after the meeting,
9:00 a.m. at the Texan Restaurant, 5656 State St.

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