

October Membership Meeting

October 24, 2024, Ferrysburg City Hall

NOTE: We had the presentation first and the business meeting after. I switched them to give the minutes month-by-month consistency.

Business Meeting

Finances-Chase Checking \$1,224.96. Community Fund \$20,478.

Te-Ne-Ke sales. We sold 21 keys as of 10/24 for \$1,597.

We have 41 paid members. John requests that members pay their dues in 2 yr increments. It reduces his workload.

John moved \$5,000 from checking into our Community Foundation account. This provides us with the growth that this organization provides. The original amount was \$4,000, so we gained around \$11,000 since that deposit.

Officer Nominations-The following individuals are nominated for election in November for the following offices:

Vice President- Lucas AC8CT

Secretary – Levi N8GMZ

Stacy W8SEV

Activities Director – Kevin KE8VCS

Constitution-Lucas was going to present the revised constitution, but he had technical issues, so it was not done. There was discussion on voting. We barely had a quorum for a vote. However, the board had discussed last year how to best include all members in the decision. The board felt that using the groups.io site was the best. However, a member told me that he could work out doing a meeting vote and a groups vote and not have duplicate votes.

Upcoming Programs

November 21– 7 pm Ferrysburg City Hall. Officer elections and approval of the Constitution.

December 19 – 7 pm Christmas Dinner at Ferrysburg City Hall.

January 24 - 7 pm meeting at Ferrysburg City Hall. Subject TBD

Events

Jingle Bell Parade- Dec. 7. Parade starts at 6pm.

Winter Field Day January 25 & 26. Location TBD. This is a new event for NOARC. If you are interested in participating, contact Levi-N8GMZ at levi.gates@gmail.com

MI QSO Party-April 19, 2025.

Presentation

The evening's presentation was by Mike Wolthuis -W8MW. He discussed the implementation of a microwave backbone to augment emergency communications throughout Michigan. This plan will link communications back to the Lansing EOC. It is funded by ARDC at <https://www.ardc.net>. They received a \$252,000 grant to provide funds for projects related to Amateur Radio. It will provide 10 gB internet at 50 mB/sec or higher with a bandwidth of 400-500 mB. If NOARC participates, we would be linked through the Muskegon club.

The linking will connect us through the Central Michigan Emergency Network - CMEN: <https://w8cmn.net>.

It will require our club to get permission from the City of Grand Haven to add a DMR repeater and install a microwave dish. For the local DMR repeater, we can use an existing antenna on the tower. The microwave dish is the link to the network.

There would be no cost to the club or city.

Mike's presentation can be viewed under the file section in the member section at members@w8cso.groups.io group.

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This is a MS Power Point file.

Respectfully submitted,

Ross- N8GMY