



Membership Meeting Minutes

March 27 2025

Ferrysburg City Hall, Spring Lake, MI

Meeting was called to order – 7:00PM

Treasurer/Membership Report:

John Sundstrom reports \$20,316.53 in the community funds and \$1,228.12 in the Chase Bank checking account.

John reports that the repeater antenna replacement project has been re-delegated from the Assisted City Manager back to the original manager of the project. He also reports that there is no movement on the repeater tower replacement project at this time.

The current membership roster shows the number of members who are paid through 2025 at 34. Up one in the last month.

A deal has been struck allowing the club five tables at the Hudsonville Ham Fest. If you have items to sell. There will be tables available.

Five Te-Ne-Ke's have been sold so far this year. Kevin Ranke has re-vamped the sales page on the website to allow for direct sales online.

John has ads for the Ke-Ne-Ke coming out in the QRP Quarterly magazine. He also has for sale two very nice radios from a SK estate, with proceeds going to the family. They are a Yaesu FT-897D with many filters, and a Kenwood TS-570D with internal tuner. The radios are \$500 and \$450 respectively.

Upcoming Programs:

Lucas Richardson discusses the events in May. The first event is the Armed Services Marathon on May 18th. If you would like to attend the event and be a radio communications volunteer, please contact Lucas. The second May event is the Kickoff to Summer Run on the 24th. Volunteers are asked to help with that event as well.

Old Business

Field Day Site Location:

Lucas asks for an informal vote on the site for Field Day this year. A show of hands is taken and the overwhelming majority of attendees support Rycenga Park for the location. Lucas agrees with the membership and will make arrangements for the club to attend Field Day at Rycenga Park.

Michigan QSO Party:

Levi Gates speaks about the Michigan QSO Party, which will be held at Kirk Park Lodge on April 19th from Noon to Midnight. The contest will be a collaborative effort between WE8CHZ (Michigan Radio Amateurs Technological Society) and W8CSO (North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club), same as last year. A special event callsign has been reserved. Levi is asking for anyone who wishes to participate to email him for planning.

New Business

NOARC cards:

Business cards with the club's information were donated to the club by Ross Gates, N8GMY. The cards have some information about the club and the club's website. Cards were distributed to all members in attendance to use to pass out to people interested in the club. More cards are available, if desired, by contacting Levi, the club Secretary.

Antenna Presentation:

Andy Suszka, N8HUB, gave a presentation on an antenna he built called a "Square Loop" antenna. The antenna performs on both 2 meters and 70cm and is compact and easily made from copper tubing. Andy hopes to install the antenna this summer and use it. He says the performance is good.

Meshtastic:

In lieu of the antenna building demonstration that was planned, a presentation on Meshtastic was given by Levi, Lucas, and Kevin, and questions about the radio mode were answered. Levi demonstrated how to set up a Meshtastic radio node and passed about a couple Meshtastic radios for the attendees to see.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Levi Gates, Secretary