

# Minutes for January 2017 Club Meeting

Lowell Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meeting – 01/12/17 Meeting Called to order: 7:05PM

Officers Present: 4

( x ) President & ( x ) Vice-President

( x ) Treasure, & ( x ) Secretary

( x ) Tech Advisors

( x ) Web Master & ( ) PIO

Number of Members Present: 10 + 1 guest

Secretaries Report: ( x ) Read – ( x ) Amended – ( x ) Approved

Treasures Report: ( x ) Read – ( ) Amended – ( x ) Approved

- We have received \$34.27 through November 2016 from Amazon Smile.

Vice President Report: ( x ) Read – ( ) Amended – ( x ) Approved

None

Technical Report: ( x ) Read – ( ) Amended – ( x ) Approved

None

Web Master Report:

- Added Member Survey and collected results, Lots of changes check it out!

Public Information Officer Report:

- GRARA Hamfest for 2017 is September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of September

- Tom, N8DGD has rooms for stay at the University in Dayton – contact direct for more info

NPOTA Report (W8WDW):

- MSPOTA – Michigan State Parks on the Air is starting up for 3 years.

- NPOTA is done, final stats will be complete as of February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Old Business:

- Motion made to approve updated banner. PASSED and will get printed.

- Bylaw Proposal (change section page 4 section K: 2/3 vote of members to 2/3 of votes cast)

Vote held - total 26 Members in good standing at time of vote. - [22] YES votes, [0] NO votes,

[4] Abstained (members did not submit absentee ballot or vote in person) All members and

officers present voted YES – 10 votes. 12 - YES absentee ballots were received. Bylaw

proposal PASSED

- Monthly Meeting survey was reviewed. Thursday night was the large majority with 13 out of the 17 responses received. Discussion was held that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday may be better than the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday. A survey of these two options is on the website, final determination will be made at February meeting.

- Get out of the cabin dinner – will be handled by Mike, Nathan and Jack on behalf of the club who is in charge of it this year.

New Business:

- **February Business Meeting – Thursday February 9th, 7pm**

- Motion made to renew Lowell Chamber of Commerce membership. Motion FAILED. We will not renew.

- Spark in the Park Motion to approve \$40 payment for sponsorship. Motion PASSED.
- Motion made to amend Motion of May 2016, Trustee follows office of president as follows:  
If, newly elected president is less than Amateur Extra, Trustee would be the next highest ranked officer in order of succession who holds an Amateur Extra License. If no officer of the LARC holds an Amateur Extra license, Trustee will be highest level of license held by highest level of officer in order of succession.  
Motion PASSED.
- Discussion was held about ARRL club equipment insurance policy. Motion was made to self-insure by putting \$500 per year into a separate earmarked fund, that the treasurer may request be used to satisfy the general budget by bringing to the membership for a vote as a last resort to meet financial obligations. Treasurer will not renew ARRL equipment policy for 2017 and will transfer \$500 from the general fund.

Announcements:

**Please continue to renew your membership. Forms are available at the club shack for renewal.**

Meeting adjourned: ~8:07PM Treasurer, Mike Wolthuis, KB8ZGL