

Minutes for September 2024 Club Meeting

Lowell Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meeting - 9/19/24

Meeting Called to order: 7:13PM

Officers Present: (x)President (x)Vice-President (x)Treasurer (x)Secretary
()Tech Adviser (x) PIO ()Web Master

Number of Members present: 3 Number of Guests present: 0

Of the 8 Attendees 6 are ARRL members

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

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

Mike (W8MW) reported that the 4th Qtr Rent has been paid to FROM. The 990 postcard for the IRS has been accepted, and we have renewed our business license with Michigan. We are looking for Diamond Club members for the rest of the year. Minutes and detailed financial report are available in club Dropbox

Vice President Report: Ken (K8ENT) had nothing to report.

Technical Report: Nate (N8THN) reported that the new PA was delivered but was DOA. It was sent back and has been repaired and returned. Nate has tested it and it is working but we need a new exciter before it is installed. The PA-145RAN amp has been repaired and has been shipped back but not yet received. Mike has been busy changing the IP addresses on club assets to bring us into compliance with the new 44 range. The Henry amp has been re-worked and seems to be working better. The Fusion repeater is back up and working Mike seems to think it is not running full power. Ken (K8ENT) said WiresX is back up and working fine, but asked Mike to review some of the setup. Dave from T&W has donated a new power supply to the club.

Web Master Report: Nate (N8THN) reported that Mike (W8MW) has in addition to updating the IP addresses has also run completed upgrade tot he web site. There was discussion about keeping the club calendar up to date and Ken (K8ENT) has volunteered to do this.

PIO Report: Jack (NY8D) has sent out his September report of up coming events to the mailing list. He also reported that there will be no open radio room at GRARA, there seems to be some issue with Life EMS, and will report out when this changes. He also reminded us about the IRA Open House and Cleanup on September 28th at the 92nd St site, as well as the Kalamazoo hamfest on October 5th and the Muskegon hamfest on October 5th

Old Business:

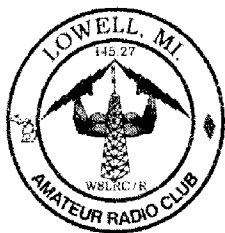
- Field Day, the club did not run and site and not many participated.

New Business:

- Board Elections, a motion was made and carried unanimously to retain the current board for another year.

- There are reports of some bad behavior from a small group operators on the repeater, including use by one person whose license has expired Nate (N8THN) reminded all of us that if we hear this behavior to give him a call and he can shut down the repeater and make sure we keep copies of our recordings.
- Al (WW8WW) has started up the Lowell youth club. They have set up a small 20W repeater that the kids are using and having a good time. There are plans to bump the repeater up to 50W.
- Mike (W8MW) reported that we have successfully activated the WinLink nodes at the WTNR site. There are now nodes running 1200 baud on VHF and 9600 baud on UHF check winlink.org for frequencies and call signs for these and other stations in the area.

Meeting adjourned 7:53pm: Minutes by Secretary Tad K8TCS



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Monthly Meeting Sign-in Sheet 9/19/24

Name	Call Sign	LARC Member	ARRL Member
1. TAD SMEDS	KFTCS	X	X
2. JACK AMELAR	NY8D	X	X
3. Hercules Andrus	KE8DGF	X	
4. JIM WOLTHUIS	KB8ZGK		
5. FRANK MCLELLAND	KD8OHS	X	X
6. KEN MARKIEWICZ	K8ENT	X	X
7. Mike Wolthuis	W3MW	X	X
8. Nate Hardman	N8THN	X	X
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