

Minutes for Special Club Meeting 05/01/2025

Lowell Amateur Radio Club Special Member Meeting – 05/01/2025
Meeting Called to order: 7:25PM

The following members were present:

Nathan Hardman (N8THN) Club President
Ken Markiewicz (K8ENT) Club Vice President
Mike Wolthuis (W8MW) Club Treasurer
Tad Smedes (K8TCS) Club Secretary
Jack Amelar (NY8D) Club Public Information Officers
Ann Ingersoll (KB8ZSK) Member
Del Rockwell (W8WDW) Member

New Business

All current members in good standing with the Lowell Amateur Radio Club were invited to this meeting via e-mail informing of the time, date and location of this special meeting. The criteria for membership is defined as having submitted the annual application for a new or renewing member and having paid the annual dues.

The Lowell youth radio club is starting to be a “competitive” club in the area. There has been some discussion about allowing the 2 clubs to merge. The current LARC board has been in place for quite some time and is ready to step down. Part of the issue with this plan is a concern about the longevity of maintaining the club repeater systems. There is the possibility of separating the club and the repeater systems, transferring ownership of the repeater systems to the Greenville Amateur Radio Club, a 501c3 designated organization. Once this is done the youth club and the current LARC could merge, arrangements could be made to select a new board of directors and continue as the Lowell Amateur Radio Club.

There was a very civil and positive discussion about this topic, there was consensus in the group that there are concerns about the current state of the club, its overall sustainability, and declining membership. The merger of the youth club and LARC could be a positive solution. There was also concern expressed that the merged youth and LARC clubs may not be able to financially maintain the repeater systems in the future, and that the repeater systems are a valuable community asset that everyone felt needed to be kept online. There was consensus that the Greenville Amateur Radio Club was better able to maintain the repeater systems and that ownership of the repeater systems as well as the predesignated repeater fund currently in the

LARC checking account should be transferred to the Greenville Amateur Radio Club, the funds to be used for ongoing maintenance and upkeep.

Del Rockwell made a motion to transfer the Lowell W8LRC repeater systems and associated repeater funds totaling \$4,959.05 to the Greenville Amateur Radio Club, a 501c3 organization, effective May 1st 2025.

Jack Amelar seconded the motion, Nathan called a vote and the motion passed unanimously with all members present voting yes.

Mike Wolthuis then read the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (attached) to allow the Greenville Amateur Radio Club to continue to use the W8LRC call sign on 145.270 repeater system.

Mike Wolthuis made a motion to accept the above MOU, as written.

Del Rockwell seconded the motion, Nathan called a vote and the motion passed unanimously with all members present voting yes.

Nathan Hardman then made a motion to sell the non-functioning/disabled lawnmowers that belong to the club, and are currently stored at his house. The funds from the sale going to the clubs general fund.

Del Rockwell seconded the motion, Nathan called a vote and the motion passed unanimously with all members present voting yes.

Ken Markiewicz tendered his resignation (attached) as Vice President, and it was accepted.

Del Rockwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, this was seconded by Mike Wolthuis and unanimously agreed

Meeting adjourned 8:18pm: Minutes by Secretary Tad K8TCS

5/1/2025

From:
Lowell Amateur Radio Club
11535 Fulton St E
Lowell MI 49331

To:
Greenville Amateur Radio Club
13425 Lynn Dr
Greenville MI 48838

Re: Memorandum of Understanding

This letter is to convey the wishes of the Lowell Amateur Radio Club to continue to use the W8LRC callsign on the 145.270 repeater as long as the repeater is in existence and the callsign is valid.

The 145.270 has long carried and been associated to the W8LRC callsign and it is the intent of the current members to make sure that this stays as such regardless of who owns or operates the hardware.

This means that in good faith the Lowell Amateur Radio Club will allow the use of the W8LRC callsign on the repeater.

In return, the repeater trustee will utilize the W8LRC callsign as needed for the identification of the 145.270 repeater.

This is by nature a non-binding agreement, that may be dissolved with 30days notice to either party.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, followed by the date "May 1 2025" written in a similar cursive style.

Signed By:

Lowell Amateur Radio Club President
On behalf of the Membership of the Lowell Amateur Radio Club

Nathan Hardman, President (N8THN)
Officers of the Lowell Amateur Radio Club – LARC
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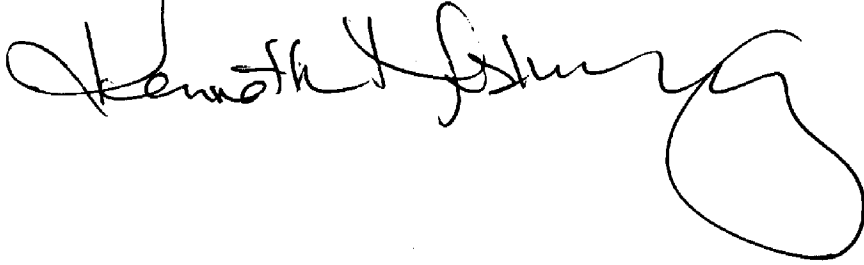
May 1, 2025

Dear Sirs:

Effective immediately, please accept my resignation from the position of Vice President of the Lowell Amateur Radio Club – LARC.

Cordially,

Kenneth Markiewicz, Vice President (K8ENT)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth Markiewicz", followed by a large, loopy flourish that extends to the right.