



# The Spirit of '76 and '88



Newsletter of the Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association

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## Annual Holiday Dinner Meeting — Nov. 27 2007, 6:30 p.m. Featuring “Bingo Bob” - Grand Prize: \$100 AES Gift Cert.

The last Tuesday in November is when we traditionally lock up the President’s gavel and the committee reports and motions and bring our YL’s or “significant others” and other Ham friends to enjoy an evening of culinary enjoyment, home-grown entertainment and fellowship. Dinner selections this year are:

**-Top Sirloin steak- -Chicken Alfredo- -Breaded Pork Chops- -Boston Scrod-**

This includes all the usual amenities plus **Baklava** for dessert *if you specify that you want it and you get your order in early!* Cost this year is \$20. Sorry about the price increase, but as any of you who eat out already know, restaurant prices have increased significantly over the past year. It still isn’t bad for a 3-course white-tablecloth dinner including coffee/tea, dessert, tax and tip. And for the “price of admission” you also get to experience our own “Bingo Bob”, W2THU giving you a chance to win a \$50 or \$100 AES Gift Certificate!.

The festivities are at our usual meeting place, Dimitri’s Restaurant, at 1830 Snow Rd., Parma, Ohio (in the Mid-Town Shopping Center, just west of Broadview Road). Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM .

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED BY 6 PM FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd** (the day after Thanksgiving.)

Please call in your reservation and your menu choice to Marv Grossman, W8AZO, at 440-248-0031. You can also visit [www.leara.org](http://www.leara.org) and make your reservation through the club’s website. -AR-

### **NOTICE!**

***LEARA Dues are now due and payable at the old \$18 rate until December 31, 2007. On January 1, 2008 the dues increase to \$25.***



“Bingo Bob,” W2THU, working rare DX—a B10!

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# The Prez Says

by Eric Jensen, N8AUC



The year is drawing to a close. The weather is getting colder (luckily I got my antenna maintenance done while it was still kinda warm). The trustee elections are done, and soon the officer elections will be happening. In light of that, there are some people I'd like to thank for exceptional service to the club in 2007....

- 1) **Dave - WB8APD.** Our club "treasurer for life", Dave keeps things in order. He's almost always on top of things, and always does a lot of work "behind the scenes".
- 2) **Jim - N8XDO.** Mister 50-50 at the club meetings. And he's always available to lend a hand at public service events.
- 3) **Tom - W8TAB.** Our incredible program chairman. Tom is the guy who has been arranging our programs and guest speakers for club meetings. Simply superb.
- 4) **Gary - WA8TJL.** Stepped into the breach to organize and pull off the club's Field Day event when I was unable to during my recuperation from Surgery.
- 5) **Janet - XYL of WA8TJL.** If you attended Field Day - you know why Janet is listed here. Janet has been taking exceptionally good care of our Field Day crew, and the June meeting attendees. Thank you for all your hard work, Janet!  
And next year I WILL be there for Sunday Morning Breakfast! Count on it.
- 6) **Ron - K2RJ.** Our newsletter editor. Ron has been doing an excellent job putting together this newsletter. And he really helped out big time at the ARRL Great Lakes Division Convention, too. Thanks, Ron!
- 7) **Joe - KC8RAN.** Club secretary. Also did the newsletter job before his own bout with surgery this year. He also coordinates the net control rotation for the club net.
- 8) **Marv - W8AZO.** Membership Chairman. You've got to see this guy in action to believe it. I think sometimes he's younger than I am!

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The Lake Erie Amateur Radio Assn., Inc., **LEARA**, is a not-for-profit [501(c)(3)] organization dedicated to Amateur Radio and Public Service. Club information packets and applications for membership are available from **Marv Grossman, W8AZO, 440-248-0031**, or may be downloaded from our web site at **www.leara.org**. Annual membership is \$18.00. **LEARA's address** is: LEARA, PO Box 22823, Beachwood, OH 44122-0823.

**LEARA** is an **ARRL**-affiliated club. When you join or renew the **ARRL**, **LEARA** benefits monetarily if you so through the club. Send **ARRL** Applications/renewals to Club Treasurer **Dave Foran WB8APD, 5439 Nan Linn Dr. Willoughby, OH 44094-4365**. Make the check payable to **LEARA**, not the **ARRL**.

**Membership Meetings** are held the last Tuesday of each month except December at Dimitri's Restaurant, 1830 Snow Rd., Parma, OH (in the Mid-Town Shopping Center, just west of Broadview Road). Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are open to all interested persons. You may attend without eating, but **reservations are required** if you do wish to eat. Call **Marv Grossman, W8AZO at 440-248-0031** to leave a message.

**Trustees' Meetings** are on the second Saturday of odd numbered months at 9 a.m. at the Parma-Snow Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 2121 Snow Rd., Parma, OH (opposite the Mid-Town Shopping Center). Meetings are open to all current members of **LEARA**.

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9) **Alex WD8JMM and Kelly KC8UIX** - for getting the ballots and election materials produced this year.

10) **Our vice presidents N8XDO and W8TAB** - for running the meetings when I physically couldn't. Thanks for covering for me, guys!

11) **All the LEARA members** who showed up to help out with the various public service events this year. The complete list is too long to list here, but you know who you are. Thanks a million for helping to make us look good.

There are probably lots of people I've left out in this list. For that I apologize. Unfortunately I can't be everywhere and see everything.

Now there is one more thing left. And that's the annual holiday party! It's the last LEARA meeting of the year. It's on the 27th of November, the Tuesday after Thanksgiving at Dimitri's. You'll be sick and tired of turkey left overs by then, so come out and ring in the holiday season by having dinner with us.

Please accept my sincerest best wishes to all of you and your families and loved ones for a happy, festive, joyous and safe holiday season. Thanks for a great year in 2007! 73 de N8AUC (da prez) -AR-

### Upcoming LEARA Club Meetings:

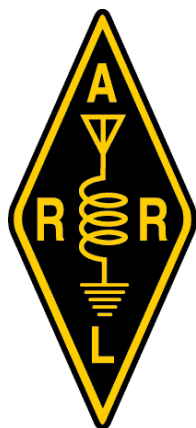
**Nov 27—Holiday Party**

December—*No Meeting Scheduled*

January 29—Tim Duffy K3LR - Multi-Multi Contest Station Presentation.

February 26—ByLaws Revisions & other club business.

March 25—Gary Garnet - SkyWarn



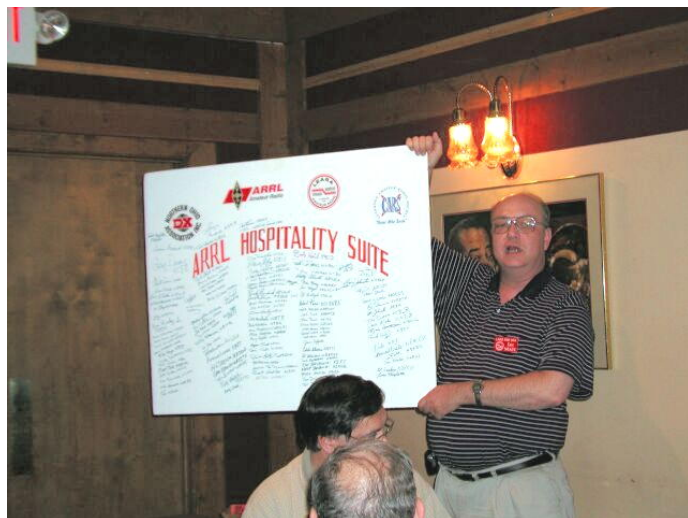
*LEARA is an Affiliated Club of the ARRL. If LEARA members join or renew their ARRL membership through the club, the LEARA treasury gets to "pocket" a portion of your dues. Another neat way to support your local club!*



## October Meeting Highlights

Above is Mat Welch, KB1ICS, who presented an outstanding program on ARPS, the Automatic Position Reporting System which utilizes AX.25 packet protocol on amateur frequencies to relay GPS data. It is really handy for keeping track of people and stations participating in public service events. I sure wish we had this for trying to locate lost Hams (and competitors!) during road rally events.

Below, Prez Eric displays the hospitality suite sign-in poster from the recent ARRL Great Lakes Division convention. It was signed by most of the workers, speakers and ARRL officials who made use of the hospitality suite as a place to meet, unwind, rest, eat and keep dehydration at bay. Eric thanked all those who helped and participated from LEARA.



## Hamfest Listing

28 Oct 2007

**Massillon Hamfest and Auction**  
**Massillon Amateur Radio Club**  
<http://www.marcradio.org>  
**Talk-In: 147.180+ (PL 110.9)**  
**Contact:**  
**Terry Russ, N8ATZ**  
**3420 Briardale Circle NW**  
**Massillon, OH 44646**  
**Phone: 330-837-3091**  
**Email: truss@sssnet.com**

10 Nov 2007

**Grant Amateur Radio Club**  
<http://www.garchohio.net>  
**Talk-In: 146.730 -**  
**Contact:**  
**Rodney Crawford, WD8CTX**  
**PO Box 76**  
**Buford, OH 45110**  
**Phone: 937-446-2338**  
**Email: wd8ctx@juno.com**

12 Jan 2008

**SouthWest Ohio Digital & Technical Symposium**  
**Dial Radio Club & Center for Chemistry Education of Miami University**  
<http://www.swohdigi.org>  
**Talk-In: 146.01/61**  
**Contact:**  
**Jay Slough, K4ZLE**  
**2554 Hamilton Road**  
**Lebanon, OH 45036-8849**  
**Phone: 513-934-0235**  
**Email: k4zle@arrl.net**

10 Feb 2008

**Mansfield Mid-Winter Hamfest**  
**Intercity Amateur Radio Club**  
<http://www.iarc.ws>  
**Talk-In: 146.94 (PL 171.9)**  
**Contact:**  
**Dean Wrasse, KB8MG**  
**1094 Beal Road**  
**Mansfield, OH 44904**  
**Phone: 419-589-2415**  
**Fax: 419-884-6177**  
**Email: Metal07man@yahoo.com**

20 Apr 2008

**54th Annual Hamfest, Electronics, and Computer Show**  
**Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club**  
<http://www.cfarc.org/>  
**Munroe Falls, OH 44262**  
**Phone: 330-688-2013**

## Volunteer Exam Dates and Locations

(from the ARRL website)

27-Oct-2007

**Sponsor: WRECS**  
**Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)**  
**Contact: ROBERT C GAUSS**  
**(330)562-3328**  
**Email: N8ZB@YAHOO.COM**  
**VEC: ARRL/VEC**  
**Location: BENTLEYVILLE VIL-**  
**LAGE HALL/CHAGRIN FALLS**  
**6253 CHAGRIN RIVER RD**  
**CORNER SOLON RD & RIVER RD**  
**BASEMENT**  
**BENTLEYVILLE, OH 44022**

28-Oct-2007

**Sponsor: MASSILLON HAMFEST**  
**Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)**  
**Contact: GARY L KLINE**  
**(330)837-2927**  
**Email: WC8W@SSSNET.COM**  
**VEC: ARRL/VEC**  
**Location: MASSILLON BOYS &**  
**GIRLS CLUB**  
**730 DUNCAN ST SW**  
**1 BLOCK S OF SR #21**  
**ON WALNUT ST**  
**MASSILLON, OH 44647**

30-Oct-2007

**Sponsor: PIONEER AR FELLOW-**  
**SHIP**  
**Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)**  
**Contact: RONALD D LIEVING**  
**(330)724-5981**  
**VEC: ARRL/VEC**  
**Location: AKRON BAPTIST TEM-**  
**PLE**  
**2324 MANCHESTER RD**  
**PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED**  
**CHECK-IN AT 6:30 PM**  
**AKRON, OH 44314**

11-Nov-2007

**Sponsor: CUYAHOGA ARS**  
**Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)**  
**Contact: GARY S DEWEY**  
**(216)642-8705**  
**Email: GDEWEY@EN.COM**  
**VEC: ARRL/VEC**  
**Location: TOWN HALL**  
**6652 BRECKSVILLE RD**  
**STATE ROUTE 21**  
**INDEPENDENCE, OH 44131**

13-Nov-2007

**Sponsor: PORTAGE COUNTY ARS**  
**Time: 7:00PM (Walk-ins allowed)**

**Contact: JAMES J AYLWARD**  
**(330)297-7979**

**Email: KC8PD@PORTCARS.ORG**  
**VEC: ARRL/VEC**  
**Location: MAPLEWOOD CAREER OP**  
**CENTER**  
**7075 STATE ROUTE 88**  
**RAVENNA, OH 44266**

15-Nov-2007

**Sponsor: MAHONING VALLEY ARA**  
**Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)**  
**Contact: JAMES T VIELE**  
**(330)534-1394**  
**Email: W8JV@YAHOO.COM**  
**VEC: ARRL/VEC**  
**Location: YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNI-**  
**VERSITY**  
**WOOD ST - FACILITIES BUILDING**  
**FOR DIRECTIONS CLICK ON:**  
**WWW.MVARA.ORG**  
**YOUNGSTOWN, OH 44501**

18-Nov-2007

**Sponsor: LORAIN COUNTY ARA RED**  
**CROSS**  
**Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)**  
**Contact: CHARLES S HALL**  
**(216)433-3036**  
**Email: VE@W8HF.COM**  
**VEC: ARRL/VEC**  
**Location: AMERICAN RED CROSS**  
**2929 W RIVER RD N**  
**WWW.W8HF.COM (HOME PAGE)**  
**ELYRIA, OH 44035**

25-Nov-2007

**Sponsor: WARREN ARA**  
**Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)**  
**Contact: WILLIAM H SHOWERS**  
**(330)872-1929**  
**VEC: ARRL/VEC**  
**Location: NEWTON FALLS COMMU-**  
**NITY CENTER**  
**52 E QUARRY ST**  
**REGISTRATION AT 6:30 PM!**  
**NEWTON FALLS, OH 44444**

01-Dec-2007

**Sponsor: LAKE COUNTY ARA**  
**Time: 12 NOON (Walk-ins allowed)**  
**Contact: SCOTT FARNHAM**  
**(440)256-0320**  
**Email: SCOTTFARN-**  
**HAM@ADELPHIA.NET**  
**VEC: ARRL/VEC**  
**Location: KIRTLAND LIBRARY**

## Bylaw Change Proposal(s)

By Ron Jakubowski, K2RJ

As reported last month, at our September general meeting a motion to change our Bylaws with respect to elections was submitted. The current bylaws require an election with mailed ballots even if the number of nominees is equal to the number of scheduled Trustee vacancies. At the October meeting, Tom Kimball, KA8BZB introduced what could be considered a substitute proposal that would delete the postal mail requirement and allow the Trustees to develop an electronic ballot process, such as a web-based or email system. According to Tom, this would ensure that the club members would be in control of the election while mitigating the high costs of printing and mailing.

A second bylaw amendment proposal was also submitted by Tom to correct an oversight by the Trustees when the dues were increased. It seems that the amount of our dues is stipulated in the bylaws. So, we need to amend the bylaws in order to "legally" increase the dues amount. Tom's proposal simply changes the amount stated.

In order to fully discuss and vote on these bylaw changes (and any others that may surface between now and then,) our February meeting has been set aside for this purpose.

The full text of these and any other proposed changes will be published in the February edition of the *Spirit of '76 and '88*. -AR-

## LEARA Membership Roster now On-Line

By Dave Foran, WB8APD

The LEARA Roster is now available on line. 2 copies have been loaded to [www.leara.org/76\\_88\\_roster](http://www.leara.org/76_88_roster). One is sorted via call suffix and the other by last name. To ensure as much privacy as can be afforded by the internet, the files are password protected. Each member has an individual password. To access the rosters, you need to use *your call sign* and the *last 4 digits of your zip+4 zip code*. (If you don't know what this is, look at any piece of junk mail.)

Your call sign MUST be entered in UPPER case followed by the 4-digit number. Then you will gain access to the area. You can either open the roster on line or right click on the file name and save it to you system locally. If you have any problem gaining access, please send a message to [wb8apd@leara.org](mailto:wb8apd@leara.org) and I will correct the problem. Include your Call and last 4 digits of your zip so that we have the correct information. -AR-

## LEARA "On The Air"

Club Net Information

by Joe Prokop, KC8RAN

### SSTV Net: "88 at 8!"

Did you ever want to see what it looks like from the bombardier's position in a WWII vintage bomber? Or what a gorgeous view of downtown looks like over the lake or across the river? Or even some cool things you can do with forks and spoons? Well that's what you would have seen on the SSTV net held every Saturday at 8:00 on the '88 machine. Here are some of the folks who checked in during October:

N8OBJ John, N8MDP John, N8IJG Bill, KD8FTS Eddie, K8BGV John, KC8RAN Joe KT8Z Dave  
Net Controls: N8OBJ, KC8RAN.

### Thursday Club Net

The Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association's weekly net is held every Thursday evening at 8:00 PM on the 146.760 (- offset, 110.9 PL) repeater. This is an open and informal net intended to provide the opportunity to test radio equipment, promote fellowship among local amateur radio operators, and develop radio traffic handling skills.

Since the club net is a practice and informal net, we want to recognize those who take the time to check in and keep the net active and alive. Thanks to all who check in and to the net controls who take the time to pass on the following information:

For the month of October, the following had checked into the net as reported by net controls:

G8NJX/8 Ian, K8ECL Gene, K8EHP Mike, K8SAS Steve, KA8GZA John, KC8EHA Chuck, KC8FQV Mark, KC8KSU Sara, KC8MNV Jeannie, KC8RAN Joe, KC8UNV Jim, KD8ACO David, KD8EXX Bryan, KD8FTS Ron, KG8DN Ken, KG8YZ John, KJ5KB Don, N8AUC Eric, N8CPI Fred, N8CXA Howie, N8JIW Don, N8OBJ John, N8UAZ Tom, W2THU Bob, W8EBB Matt, W8STU Stuart, WA8TJL Gary, WD8JEL Jim

Net Controls: KC8RAN, KD8ACO, W2THU, KD8GN, N8AUC

Traffic and Items of note:

Welcome back to Ian, G8NJX, who is back in town on a work assignment (good to see you at the club meeting as well!) Any member interested in directing the weekly net or the SSTV net are also encouraged to contact Joe KC8RAN ([kc8ran@cox.net](mailto:kc8ran@cox.net)).-AR-

# LEARA Oct. 30 Membership Meeting Minutes

by Joe Prokop, KC8RAN

The following business was conducted at the October Membership Meeting held 30-Oct-2007:

The second reading was made of a motion from N8OOF, seconded by N8YNR to change the by-laws (paraphrased for brevity) so that when the number of candidates is less than or equal to the number of openings for trustees, then those candidates can be appointed by the board to fill the opening without holding an election.

Note: all motions referenced may be published in full at the discretion of the club newsletter editor in upcoming editions. Please save published copies for future reference.

The first reading of a motion from KA8BZB, seconded by WD8JMM (paraphrased for brevity) to provide election materials in accordance with the members' wishes to allow for either electronic distribution or through the postal system.

Following some discussion, a motion was made by KG8DN, seconded by N8PLV to delay action on the motions until the January meeting. The motion was passed by a margin of 32 to 2 of hands raised as counted by the secretary. Further discussion ensued and the motion was amended to change the action on these motions until the February meeting as the program chair W8TAB noted that we had a speaker from out of town for the January meeting and, as noted in the original motion by KG8DN, the issue wasn't of urgency at this time. KG8DN amended his motion, N8PLV seconded the amended motion. By overwhelming voice vote as recognized by N8AUC, the amended motion was accepted by the membership present.

The first reading of a motion by KA8BZB, seconded by W8AZO, was made to amend the bylaws regarding the verbiage on the dues payment.

The election committee reported that 101 ballots were received. N8YNR, N8XD0, WA8TJL, N8NAP and WD8JMM received a sufficient quantity of votes to be elected as trustees. Of the vote tallies, the lowest total a candidate received was 78 out of 101. KA8BZB moved, seconded by K2RJ that the election results be certified as reported and the ballots be destroyed. The motion was carried by overwhelming voice votes as recognized by N8AUC.

It was also noted in the discussion by Election Chair N8OOF that, despite the fact that the election committee actively sought out potential candidates for this year's

election, no one other than the candidates elected stepped forward. The membership is urged to contact the next election committee members in 2008 if they intend to run. As an example, if someone is really interested in running a write in campaign, they should reconsider that course of action and go through the election committee. Doing so allows free access to the entire membership with biographical information, etc., as opposed to doing the work independently and at their own expense.

A motion was made by N8PLV, seconded by W8AZO to close the business portion of the meeting and proceed with the scheduled program. An affirmative voice vote was accepted by N8AUC and the business portion meeting was closed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joe Prokop KC8RAN,  
Secretary, LEARA, 31-Oct-2007  
-AR-

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gested that the membership approve any future dues increase in the annual election ballot. N8NAP said that the Board should rescind its September 2007 dues increase vote since the Board had no power to raise the dues without amending the bylaws. N8AUC said that the Board's action was moot so it was not necessary to do that.

KC8RAN let the Board know that he is becoming more active in AMSAT and that he might miss several Trustee's meetings. The Board assured him that this was OK and that there is no conflict of interest if he actively participated in both organizations.

WB8APD moved and KC8RAN seconded that we discontinue the 6 meter and 440.40 MHz club repeaters. W2THU and N8OOF disagreed, stating that we should not abandon any coordinated frequencies even though there has been scant activity on these machines. At this point, WB8APD withdrew his motion and was excused from the meeting.

W2THU started a discussion as to why the IRLP has yet to be installed on the 146.88 repeater as had been authorized by the Board some time ago. He noted that although we are all volunteers, we still need to finish our tasks within a defined time period. As W8TAB pointed out, VHF/UHF repeater users will go to the repeaters with the most features, such as Echolink and IRLP. LEARA needs to keep up. After a lengthy discussion, WD8JMM, N8OOF and N8YNR (via cellphone) agreed to visit the 146.88 site this coming Wednesday evening to survey the cabling necessary for the interconnect of the IRLP hardware with the computer and the repeater controller.

WA8TJL reported that he and N8XD0 will be starting amateur radio classes, on behalf of LEARA, at the Ridge-Snow library with a target date of February 2008 and an official announcement in December.

N8AUC moved and N8XD0 seconded a motion to adjourn. This motion passed unanimously at 1155.

Respectfully submitted:  
Robert M. Winston, W2THU  
Club Secretary  
-AR-

## Nov. 10 Trustee Meeting Minutes

By Bob Winston, W2THU, Secretary

Trustees Present: W2THU, N8AUC, N8XDO, WA8TJL, KC8RAN, KC8GHX, W8AZO, KC8FOC, N8NAP, WD8JMM, K8EHP, WB8APD, N8OOF

Guests present: W8TAB, KA8BZB, W8DMT

The meeting was called to order at 0908 by N8AUC.

The results of the October election of Trustees was accepted and WD8JMM was welcomed back to the Board.

WB8APD moved and W8AZO seconded that the present slate of LEARA officers be re-elected. However, W8TAB, a former vice-president, had declined to run for re-election to the Board and KC8RAN indicated he no longer wished to be club secretary. Therefore an election for one vice-president and secretary is required.

The motion was modified to retain N8AUC as president, N8XDO as one of the two vice-presidents and WB8APD as treasurer. This motion passed 12 to 1 with 1 abstention.

The election for the remaining vice-president proceeded with K8EHP nominated by N8XDO and seconded by WA8TJL. N8OOF was nominated by N8AUC and seconded by W2THU. There were no further nominations and a vote was taken by secret ballot. The winner was K8EHP.

The election for secretary proceeded with N8AUC nominating W2THU and WB8APD seconding. There were no further nominations and W2THU was elected by acclamation.

At this point, all of the Board members reviewed the minutes of the September 2007 Trustee's meeting. There were no corrections, so N8XDO moved and KC8FOC seconded that the minutes be accepted as published. This motion passed unanimously.

The treasurer, WB8APD, reported that we now have money in the bank and the amount with no outstanding bills. KC8RAN moved and KC8GHX seconded that this report be accepted by the Board. This motion passed unanimously.

W8AZO, the membership chair, reported that the club has 273 active members of which 69 have yet to renew for 2008. In response to the recent Board mandate to begin emailing newsletters to all members with email addresses, Marv stated that only about 35 members do not have email addresses. We are presently sending out 215 newsletters by snailmail. N8OOF suggested that we email the complimentary newsletters, too. Marv said that he has been working on that project.

W8TAB agreed to continue his work as program chair. So far he has lined up the following programs for 2008: January – K3LR will discuss his multi-multi DX contest station. February – There will be no program so we can debate the proposed by-law amendments. March – Skywarn. Tom said that he is trying to get Bob Heil as a speaker later in 2008.

The Board then solidified plans for the November holiday party. N8XDO passed out a potential menu from Dimitri's. There was discussion as to setting the cost. W2THU said that the club should not subsidize the meal as it has done in the past. WA8TJL agreed. WD8JMM moved and W8AZO seconded that

the dinner price should be \$20.00. This motion passed unanimously.

After some discussion it was decided that the menu choices should be top sirloin, chicken alfredo, boston scrod and pork chops. The cutoff time for making reservations shall be the Friday after Thanksgiving at 1800. Dimitri's will bake baklava.

Finally, there was discussion as to appropriate and affordable door prizes.

It was decided to have 2 door prizes this year, a \$100 AES gift certificate and a \$50 AES gift certificate. These prizes will be won via bingo. If there is a tie, the prizes will not be split, but an appropriate tie breaker game will be conducted.

The radio officers' report was given by N8OOF. Bryan said that the 146.88 repeater still has an intermittent noise that remains until it times out. We thought this problem was cured when we replaced the antenna. Tightening the squelch is only a temporary fix. This problem has not appeared while N8OOF has been at the site. It appears that there is some kind of mixing that yields a signal at the repeater input frequency with the correct PL. There are no further plans to resolve this problem.

WD8JMM asked if the club ever fixed the west 146.76 repeater input. There is a buzz on the link. N8NAP thought that the power supply might need a new filter capacitor. He replaced one several years ago. There was no discussion as to when or who would fix this problem.

The installation of the IRLP at the 146.88 repeater was briefly discussed.

N8AUC said that N8YNR had possession of the computer and that Jeff had baked the computer to be sure it would survive the temperature extremes at the repeater site. The delay in finishing this project is due to lack of knowledge regarding interfacing the IRLP equipment to the repeater controller. N8AUC said there is no timeline to finishing this project because we are all volunteers.

Installation of the D\*Star repeater was discussed. WB8APD said this is not a club project. N8NAP said that it is because the Board had voted not to return the repeater to ICOM. WB8APD said that he and K8SGX are assembling the D\*Star system at Dave's QTH.

The subject of a Bylaw Revision Committee was raised by N8NAP. N8AUC said that we don't need such a committee. W2THU suggested that we get the dues out of the bylaws, so that the Board has the flexibility to raise the dues without amending the bylaws in the future. KA8BZB said that the members need to pass the present motion (to amend the bylaws) so we can collect the \$25.00 dues in 2008. He also said that the dues should be established each year at the annual meeting with one month's notice to the members. N8OOF agreed that the Board should have the authority to raise the dues without asking the members.

Alex suggested and N8OOF agreed to prepare a motion to amend the bylaws, for a first reading at the January 2008 general meeting, to give the Board the authority to raise the dues. KA8BZB said he would withdraw the motion he had made at the October general meeting regarding this topic. N8NAP sug-

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| 146.88/R- | • Lakewood (Requires 110.9 Hz tone)  |
| 224.90/R- | • Lakewood (141.3 Hz tone)   |
| 444.40/R+ | • Highland Hills (131.8 Hz tone)   |
| 444.70/R+ | • Lakewood (131.8 Hz tone)   |
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