

GMARC MEETING MINUTES 20-FEB-07 (Revised)

I. Call to Order by Vice President, Kurt WU8V at 7:06 PM.

II. Introductions & Upgrades

Two Visitors were introduced – Jonathan Martichuski – USCG Auxiliary
Jerome Werner – USCG Auxiliary
Duncan Freeman

The following upgrades were announced:
Ray N8UY – Amateur Extra (Formerly KD8CXY)

It was also announced that Bobby N8CY is the new Public Information Coordinator (PIC) for the ARRL Michigan Section.

III. Minutes

Copies of the minutes from the 16-Jan-07 meeting were available at the meeting and on the GMARC Web Site. Dave WD8IFL question Item X. (Board of Directors Meeting). It was pointed out that the Club By-Laws require the Board to meet. The Board Meeting was primarily to discuss meeting programs, and activities for the balance of the year. The Board has no hidden agenda, and any substantive items discussed will be brought to the full membership for a vote as has been past practice.

It was noted the Bob KZ8N's call sign was shown incorrectly in Item V. (Membership Report). A correction will be made.

Motion to approve the January Minutes (as amended) by Mike N5WCS and seconded by Bob KZ8N. Motion passed.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Joel KC8DQH, our new Treasurer, reported that the February bank balance is \$1,504.39, and there is a pending check to Trinity Lutheran Church for \$200.00. The total bank balance as of this meeting is \$1,304.39.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Dave WD8IFL and seconded by Eddie N8RUE. Motion passed.

V. Membership Report by Bobby N8CY

We have 73 members in good standing, and 44 have also paid their 2007 dues (including those noted below). The following members paid their 2007 dues at his meeting:

AB8KR - Chris
KB8VQP - George
KC8HMJ - Rich
N8KDL - Doug

VI. Nets and Newsletter (Discussion)

Kurt WU8V is the new Editor of [The Transmission Line](#). The February Newsletter has been published and copies were available at the meeting.

Kurt WU8V noted that there were 3 check-ins to the Monday night InfoNet for 19-Feb-07. We need replacement NCOs for the first and second week to replace Leo KW8J and Keith N8EB who have not renewed their memberships.

VII. Club Liaison Report

Mike N5WCS reported that there will be SKYWARN Classes in Oakland County on 21-Apr-07 at 10:00 AM. There will also be SKYWARN classes in Macomb County at Freedom Hill (walk-ins are OK) on 12-May-07 at 1:00 PM.

Scott W1BIC reported that the Milford ARC has provided a free table to GMARC for their Swap on 21-Apr -07.

VIII. Tech Committee Report

Chuck N8ZA reported that there is a Macro and unlinks the VHF and UHF repeaters at the close of the Monday night InfoNet. The NCO should take care to re-link the repeaters after the net.

IX. Old Business

None.

X. President's Remarks

Vice President Kurt WU8V noted the Board of Directors met on 12-Feb-07 to discuss Program for upcoming meetings:

- Feb – Coast Guard Auxiliary
- Mar – HF Rig / Antenna / Instruction night
- Apr – CW night or QSL night (or both) with potential to invite Cub Scout Pack
- May – K-9 Search & Rescue
- Jun – Tales from Dayton

In addition the following activities were discussed:

- Must activate OnStar EmComm activities and practice On Site once a month
- Trunk Swap – 2-3 Times (at least) - Summer
- Club Picnic – 25-Aug-07 at Stony Creek
- Diabetes Walk - October
- Crop Walk (Rochester) – October

XI. New Business

Dave WD8IFL noted that it has been past practice to provide a free membership to Dina N8YJI and provide reimbursement for expenses for meeting refreshments. Motion by Dave WD8IFL and seconded by Bill W8WRB. Motion passed.

Joel KC8DQH is in charge of the Oakland County Siren Net – NE Section covering Avon Township (Rochester), Addison Township, Auburn Hills, etc. This net operates at 1:00 PM on the

first Saturday of each month March thru November. Additional volunteers are needed. Please contact Joel KC8DQH.

Bill W8WRB is in charge of the Oakland County Amateur Radio Public Service Corp (ARPSC) Hospital Net. A regular monthly test net of the system is on the **last** Thursday or each month at 8:00 PM during the regular weekly ARPSC Net. Additional volunteers are needed at Clarkston POH, Oxford Medical Center, and St. John's Oakland. Interested volunteers should contact Bill W8WRB.

Eddie N8RUE noted to interested SKYWARN participants that there is a StornNet on the 147.200 MHz WA8MAC repeater – Mt. Clemens, MI.

The annual GMARC picnic will be held Sunday 25-Aug-07 at the Gladeview "A" Pavilion at Stony Creek MetroPark beginning at 10:00 AM. We will be cookin' on the grill, and everyone should bring a dish to pass. You may set-up any station you wish and enjoy a day of "Lark in the Park". A motion was made by Doug N8KDL and seconded by Dina N8YJI to reimburse Bobby N8CY for the \$125 cost of the pavilion. Motion passed.

Trunk swaps are planned at the Trinity Lutheran Church on Saturdays in June, July, and August 2007. Additional details to follow.

XII. Break from 7:54 PM to 8:17 PM

The 50/50 raffle winner was Larry W8SOX - \$28.00. (\$30 to the Club)

The donations to the Coffee Fund by those present were \$18.50.

XIII. Presentation – Coast Guard Auxiliary 09CR District – Divison 12

An informative presentation on the Division 12 – 09CR District of the Coast Guard Auxiliary was made by Jonathan Martichuski and Jerome Werner. The Coast Guard Auxiliary is part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.



GMARC Vice President Kurt WU8V, Vice-Flotilla Commander Jonathan Martichuski, and Former Division Commander Jerome Werner at the GMARC meeting 20-Feb-06.



Vice-Flotilla Commander Jonathan Martichuski making presentation on the "CG Auxiliary High Frequency (HF) telecommunicaitons"

The purpose of the Auxiliary is to assist the Coast Guard:

- (1) to promote safety and to effect rescues on and over the high seas and on navigable waters
- (2) to promote efficiency in the operation of motorboats and yachts;
- (3) to foster a wider knowledge of, and better compliance with, the laws, rules, and regulations governing the operation of motorboats and yachts;
- (4) to facilitate other operations of the Coast Guard.

There are over 1 million recreational boats registered in Michigan alone. With this much area to cover, the need for willing and enthusiastic volunteers to help educate and assist the general public is enormous. You can help! The mission of the USCG Auxiliary is to support the Coast Guard in its mission to make the waterways safer for the recreational boater.

The Great Lakes -- Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie and Ontario -- and their connecting channels form the largest fresh surface water system on earth. If you stood on the moon, you could see the lakes and recognize the familiar wolf head shape of Lake Superior, or the mitten bounded by lakes Michigan, Huron and Erie. Covering more than 94,000 square miles and draining more than twice as much land, these Freshwater Seas hold an estimated 6 quadrillion gallons of water, about one-fifth of the world's fresh surface water supply and **nine-tenths of the U.S. supply**. Spread evenly across the contiguous 48 states, the lakes' water would be about 9.5 feet deep.

Additional information is available at the Web Site for the Coast Guard Auxiliary
<http://uscgaux0912.dyndns.org/>

eMail should be addressed to: 0912ADMIN@SBCglobal.net

XIV. New Members & Attendance

Four (4) members, as noted above, paid their 2007 dues at this meeting.

25 Members attended, and there were 3 Visitors.

Total Collections to be delivered to the Treasurer:

Membership Dues	- \$ 80.00
50/50 Raffle	- 30.00
Coffee Donations	- <u>18.50</u>

Total -- \$128.50

XVI. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM. Motion by Scott W1BIC, seconded by Rich KC8HMJ. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Corr N8CY,
Secretary – GMARC
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