

GMARC MEETING MINUTES 17-JUN-08

I. Call to Order by President, Ingo AC8AW at 7:04 PM.

II. Introductions & Upgrades

There were 2 Visitors present - Tom KD8GZE + Marty Porea
Tom KD8GZE has upgraded to Amateur Extra

III. Minutes

Minutes of the 20-May-08 meeting are available at the meeting and on the GMARC Web Site, and printed copies were available to those present.

Motion to approve the May Minutes by Dave W8RIT and seconded by Scott W1BIC. Motion passed.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Joel WU8Y, our Treasurer, was not present. Scott W1BIC reported that our Bank Balance is \$1,926.59, the Antenna Fund has \$1,070.20, and Operating Funds are \$856.39. Scott W1BIC noted that the cost to purchase **one** antenna is approx. \$1,100 based on the report of the Technical Committee at the 17-Apr-07 meeting.

Motion by Kurt WU8V to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Mike N5WCS. Motion passed.

Bobby N8CY noted that the "Unknown" \$41.00 is comprised of 2-3 persons who made the initial donations to the Antenna Fund on 17-Apr-07. Anyone who made donations at that meeting should inform N8CY so he can update the donors list. The following members were recognized for their outstanding support of the Antenna fund – each making more than one donation: Dave WD8IFL, Greg N1FCK, George WB8VQP, Mike N5WCS, Dave W18C, and Kurt WU8V.

V. Membership Report by Bobby N8CY

We have 34 members in good standing, who have paid their 2008 dues. One member paid his dues at this meeting Bob KZ8N – bringing the total to 35 members.

VI. Nets and Newsletter

Dave W8RIT noted that there is a problem with linking the VHF-UHF repeaters. This problem will be referred to the Technical Committee.

Ingo AC8AW noted that the net is very vibrant with lots of check-ins – including EchoLink check-ins from Australia, Alaska, and Arizona.

VII. Club Liaison Report

No report given.

XI. New Business (Cont.)

Don K7SDF noted that he recently returned from a trip to Beijing China and was trying to get on a plane during the middle of the earthquake in China. There are pictures at Flickr on the internet. He also recently met up with some of his friends from "7 Land" in Colorado and provided communications support for "Rich boaters from Salt Lake City" in an event on the Colorado River. K7SDF will send out an eMail from Yahoo! Groups with instructions to GMARC Yahoo! Groups members on how to contact him to receive access to his Flickr Pics.

Bobby N8CY reminded those present to sign-up for GMARC Yahoo! Groups if you have not already done so. There is a link from www.gmarc.org to the Yahoo! Groups – where you can sign-up. Don K7SDF and Scott W1BIC can grant permissions to new persons wishing to sign-up for Yahoo! Groups.

Kurt WU8V noted that the Club has made several past commitments for Emergency Communications service:

- Amateur Radio Hospital Emergency Communications [ARHEC] – Bill W8WRB
- OnStar Emergency Communications – Bob KZ8N
- K-9 Search and Rescue – Larry KD8CRA
- Oakland County Emergency Siren Test – Joel WU8Y

It was suggested that these Event Coordinators [or their surrogate] routinely report on their activities, and the status of the Club's commitments at our membership meetings. Don K7SDF volunteered to report on K-9 SAR activities in the absence of KD8CRA.

Wes KD8DHS asked if the OnStar commitment is "just a local activity", or is it Nationwide. Bob KZ8N noted that he has a list of frequencies [including HF frequencies] monitored by various State Emergency Organizations + SATERN and American Red Cross. Part of the plan for OnStar support is to have monitoring stations [e.g. operating from their base] to monitor the HF frequencies and pass traffic via eMail or various repeaters operating in our area to get the information to OnStar. The radios in the OnStar command center have been programmed with all significant repeaters in our area. He will send the info to Bobby N8CY for publication on www.gmarc.org.

Scott W1BIC will work with KZ8N to authorize GMARC members [non-GM employees] to enter the OnStar Command Center at the Renaissance Center for the purpose of check-in to the GMARC Monday night InfoNet. Check-in from the OnStar Command Center will demonstrate "presence", and the Club's commitment to "be prepared" to service OnStar in the event of a real emergency. Members are encourage to volunteer to check-in to the Monday night InfoNet from the OnStar Command Center.

XII. Break from 7:35 PM to 8:50 PM

The 50/50 raffle winner was Wes KD8DHS \$28.00 who donated his winnings to the Antenna Fund. (\$28 to Club).

XIII. Program – Completion of 2-meter J-pole Antennas

Ingo AC8AW, Dave W8RIT, and Kurt WU8V assisted those members who brought their 2M J-pole antennas [constructed at the April-08 meeting] to add RG-172 50-ohm coax and a crimped SMC connector.

XIV. New Members & Attendance

15 Members attended, and there were 2 Visitors.

Total Collections to be delivered to the Treasurer:

Coffee Fund	- \$ 6.00
50/50 Raffle	- 28.00
Antenna Fund	- 108.00
Membership Dues	- <u>20.00</u>

Total -- \$ 162.00 + Coffee Fund

XV. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Motion by Mike N5WCS, seconded by Scott W1BIC. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Corr N8CY,
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