

## GMARC MEETING MINUTES 20-JAN-09

**I. Call to Order** by President, Bob at 7:02 PM.

### **II. Visitors + Comments**

There were 3 Visitors present - Tom KD8GZE, Don WB8F, Bruce Papet [No Call]

### **III. Minutes**

Minutes of the 16-Dec-08 meeting are available on the GMARC Web Site.

Motion to approve the December Minutes by Scott W1BIC and seconded by Dave WD8IFL. Motion passed.

### **IV. Treasurer's Report**

Scott W1BIC, our Treasurer gave the following Treasurer's Report. The current bank balance in our checking account is \$3,180.09 as of 09-Dec-08. The Antenna Fund has \$2,403.45, and operating funds are \$776.64.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

### **V. Membership Report** by Bobby N8CY

We have 38 members in good standing, who have paid their 2008 dues, and 14 members who have paid their 2009 dues. Members are reminded to pay their 2009 dues. The following members paid their 2009 dues at this meeting:

Bill	W8WRB	Ken	W8QED
Edward	KC8SBV	David	KD8FNH

### **VI. Tech Committee + Nets + ARRL Liaison**

Chuck N8ZA reported that the 2M Repeater is officially inoperable and off the air.

Dave W8RIT made presentations of InfoNet Awards:

Kurt	WU8V – 28 Check-ins
Mike	N5WCS – 27 Check-ins

GoToMeetings.com will be used [with the assistance of Dan Romanchik KB6NU] for the upcoming PRB-1 Legislative Committee meeting and the Affiliated Club Webinar hosted by Scott W1BIC – the new Michigan ARRL Affiliated Club Coordinator.

Bill W8WRB reported that Bobby N8CY will make a presentation on PRB-1 at the Oakland County EOC [ARPSC meeting] on 4-Feb-09 at 7:00 PM. There will be a free chicken dinner available starting at 5:30 PM, but you must call Loretta and Oakland County to make a reservation. He also reported at the ARHEC is functioning well and expanded the number of hospitals covered in 2008.

## **VII. Old Business**

There was a brief discussion about moving the 2M repeater to Lake Orion.

Kurt WU8V led a discussion about Digital Kits. The price is \$31 (delivered) in single quantity, and \$25 in quantities greater than (5). The following members placed orders and paid \$25 to order a kit:

Don K7SDF	Richard KC8HMJ
Ken W8QED	Bob KZ8N
Mike N5WCS	

We will also purchase (1) digital kit for the parts suitcase based on a motion in December.

Tom KD8GZE reported that Amateur Radio Public service announcements are airing on local cable (in rotation) – GMARC logo and ARRL Videos.

## **VIII. New Business**

Dave W8RIT made a motion to purchase a picture frame up to \$20 for Net Check-in awards. Seconded by Dave WD8IFL. Motion not passed.

There was a discussion led by Kurt WU8V about the Club Picnic. Only 6 persons showed-up for the picnic last year, and we incurred a \$125 rental fee for the pavilion plus expense of considerable food. Most of the food was not eaten. Motion by Kurt WU8V to establish a “Ham Radio Day” [with multiple club participation] in a public place – potentially with a small swap and demonstrations. Seconded by Dave W8RIT. Motion passed.

There was a discussion about a “New Ham Dinner” similar to the one sponsored in Grand Rapids by three clubs. It was suggested that L’Anse Creuse, Hazel Park, USECA, and GMARC could jointly sponsor such an event. The following persons volunteered to investigate this possibility:

Bill W8WRB – Hazel Park + Oakland County EOC  
Kurt WU8V + Bob KZ8N – GMARC

Don K7SDF suggested that we seek to have Community Calendars provide a link to our Web Site.

Motion by Dave W8RIT for GMARC to sponsor a 2-meter contest in the Tri-County area. Seconded by Scott W1BIC. Motion passed.

## **IX. Break – 8:15 PM to 8:35 PM**

50/50 Raffle \$30 with \$15 going to the Club. Kurt WU8V was the winner and donated his winnings of \$15 to the antenna fund.

## **X. Presentation by Dave W8RIT on RTTY [Digital Mode]**

Dave W8RIT made a presentation about the RTTY digital mode. He gave some of the history of RTTY and terminals used for this mode in the past. He summarized some of the baud rates [300, 1200, and 19.2K (above 420 MHz) ] used at various times in the past.

**XI. New Members & Attendance**

23 Members attended, and there were 3 Visitors.

Total Collections to be delivered to the Treasurer:

Coffee Fund	\$	7.25	
50/50 Raffle		15.00	
50/50 Donated by WU8V		15.00	[Antenna Fund]
Digital Kits		125.00	
Membership Dues		<u>80.00</u>	
Total --	\$	242.25	

Upcoming Events for GMARC:

<b>Livonia Swap n Shop</b>	<b>15-Feb-09</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
<b>Next Membership Meeting</b>	<b>17-Feb-09</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>

**X. Meeting Adjourned** at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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