

GMARC MEETING MINUTES 17-MAR-09

I. Call to Order by President, Bob KZ8N at 7:11 PM.

II. Introductions, Upgrades, + Visitors

There were 5 Visitors present - Tom KD8GZE, Bruce Rittenhouse AC8AO, Ara Krimian, Leslie and friend.

III. Minutes

Minutes of the 17-Feb-09 meeting were available at the meeting and on the GMARC Web Site.

Motion to approve the February Minutes by Mike N5WCS and seconded by Eddie N8RUE. 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 \$3,033.84. The Antenna Fund has \$2,436.26, and operating funds are \$597.58.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report by Mike N8WCS and seconded by Dave WD8IFL.

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 21 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:

Bob KZ8N

VI. Tech Committee + Nets + ARRL Liaison

The 440MHz had to be shut-down briefly due to abuse (kerchunking). No update on the 2m repeater relocation. We do not yet have a signed agreement for antennas on the RenCen.

Dave W8RIT reported that the EchoLink limit for check-ins has been raised from 6 to 10.

Scott W1BIC stated that the Michigan Section of ARRL has a goal to add 100 new HAMs via one-day classes this year. About 40 have been added in the first quarter with a 90% pass rate.

Bobby N8CY stated that a one page summary of the Michigan ARRL PRB-1 Committee is now available.

Dave W8RIT noted that there will be a digital mode "sound card test" on April 11th. Messages will be sent out in different modes (copy only). The Michigan QSO party will be held on April 18th.

VII. Old Business

There was some discussion about a fall event to replace the GMARC picnic. The key idea is to get "foot traffic" for public exposure.

VIII. New Business

Ideas for future meeting programs:

April – Dave WD8IFL would like to see a program on scanners, trunk radio, SWL, etc. Dave W8RIT will evaluate a program on "Radio outside of *Amateur Radio*".

May – Tales from Dayton

June – Kurt WU8V suggested a "White Elephant" party similar to the one sponsored by L'Anse Creuse at Christmas

SKYWARN training is currently going on:

Macomb County – Wednesday 3/25 and 4/8 at 7:00PM

Oakland County – Saturdays (Contact Paul Reidhardt KC8BDK)

IX. Break – 8:10 PM to 8:40 PM

50/50 Raffle \$45 with \$22 going to the Club. Bruce AC8AO was the \$22 winner and donated his winnings to the antenna fund. Rich KC8HMJ was the \$1 winner.

X. Presentation by Kurt WU8V and Bob KA8VSI on Digital Modes

Bill W8WRB made an a live demonstration of DigiPan v2.0 (PSK-31) and MMSSTV v1.11G (Slow Scan TV).

XI. New Members & Attendance

18 Members attended, and there were 5 Visitors.

Total Collections to be delivered to the Treasurer:

Coffee Fund	\$	8.60	
50/50 Raffle		22.00	
Antenna Fund		22.00	(Donated by Bruce AC8AO)
Membership Dues		<u>20.00</u>	

Total -- \$ 72.60

Upcoming Events for GMARC:

Sound Card Test (Copy Only)

11-Apr-09

Michigan QSO Party

18-Apr-09

Next Membership Meeting

21-Apr-09

7:00 PM Tuesday

X. Meeting Adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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