

GMARC MEETING MINUTES 21-APR-09

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

II. Introductions, Upgrades, + Visitors

There were 2 Visitors present - Tom KD8GZE, Billy W8WDC

III. Minutes

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

Motion to approve the March Minutes by Mike N5WCS and seconded by Scott W1BIC. Motion passed.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report by Mike N8WCS and seconded by Eddie N8RUE.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

V. Membership Report by Bobby N8CY

We have 23 members who have paid their 2009 dues. Members are reminded to pay their 2009 dues. The following **new** members paid their 2009 dues at this meeting:

Richard KD8JZI Tony W8OKX

Motion to *only* report members who have paid their current dues. Motion by Rich K8PJQ and seconded by Dave WD8IFL. Motion passed.

VI. Tech Committee + Nets + ARRL Liaison

The 2m repeater is back on the air at Jeff N8XN's house. It is going through a period of burn-in after repairs were made. Everything is fixed except the P.A. finals. We have parts to fix the P.A. Site survey has been completed at the new site, and we have a location identified on the roof.

We have preliminary coordinator with MiARC. Precise GPS coordinates will be determined for final approval. The move is progressing nicely. We are still working on acquiring link radios for the 2m to 440-MHz link. We are experimenting with a commercial grade Yagi (directional) antenna for the 440-MHz repeater to put more of the signal "away" from Canada.

Dave W8RIT reported that digital sound card test will be on 09-May-09 9 AM to 12 Noon. 2m contest will be 3rd weekend in Sept 2009.

Scott W1BIC stated that there is a 3-section Rohn tower available for \$150 located in Grayling at Exist 227 off I-75. The Michigan Section is the largest ARRL section. We have done (3) one-day sessions for new hams so far. This Saturday 25-Apr-09 will be at Washtenaw Community Center. June 13th will be at GMARC meeting room at Trinity Lutheran. "How to register" is at www.arrl-mi.org and will be added to Yahoo! reflector.

Change Bill W8WRB as NCO. We will be sending club QSL cards to first-time net check-ins.

VII. Old Business

Larry KD8CRA re:K9-SAR exercise needs HTs for COM and potentially APRS to “track” their course. We need volunteers – survey on Yahoo! reflector.

Bob KZ8N reported the Hazel Park and L’Anse Creuse are interested in joining us for the Fall “event”. Dave WD8IFL noted that L’Anse Creuse had a successful event in a corridor at Macomb Mall with lots of interest from the public.

Kurt WU8V stated that he had an inquiry about trunk swaps.

VIII. New Business

Dave WD8IFL stated that perhaps we should renew the discussion about the requirement for President to be a full-time GM employee. Motion to investigate a potential By-Laws change was made by Mike N5WCS and seconded by Bob KZ8N. Motion passed.

Motion to purchase the minimum number of additional digital kits by Scott W1BIC and seconded by Mike N5WCS. Motion passed. The following committed to purchase as kit:
KD8DHS (2) WD8IFL K8PJQ and KD8JZI

IX. Break – 8:15 PM to 8:40 PM

50/50 Raffle \$48 with \$24 going to the Club. Scott W1BIC was the \$24 winner and donated his winnings to the antenna fund.

X. Dayton Hamfest

The following members plan on attending the Dayton Hamfest: Wes KD8DHS, Al N8ARO, Don K7SDF, Mike N5WCS, Rich K8PHQ, Scott W1BIC, Bob KZ8N.

XI. New Members & Attendance

18 Members attended, and there were 2 Visitors.

Total Collections to be delivered to the Treasurer:

Coffee Fund	\$	7.25	
W1BIC Elephant Sale		7.00	
50/50 Raffle		24.00	
Antenna Fund		24.00	(Donated by Scott W1BIC)
Membership Dues		<u>40.00</u>	

Total -- \$ 102.25

Upcoming Events for GMARC:

Sound Card Test (Copy Only)

09-May-09

Next Membership Meeting

19-May-09

7:00 PM Tuesday

X. Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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