

GMARC MEETING MINUTES 16-Nov-10

I. Call to Order by the President, Kurt WU8V at 7:05 PM

II. Introductions, Upgrades, and Visitors

There was one visitor Bruce KD8MFR

III. Minutes

Minutes of the 19-Oct-2010 meeting were available on the web site and copies at the meeting. Motion to approve minutes by Ray W8PIE and seconded by Tony W8OKX. Motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report

GMARC Treasurer's Report

November 16, 2010

Last Statement Balance 21-Oct-10	\$ 2,522.21
Check to Teri Davis (Antenna)	-660.00
October Deposit (4) 2011 Dues @ \$20	<u>80.00</u>
November Bank Balance --	\$ 1,922.21
Antenna Fund	764.84
General Fund	1,157.37

This report is based on making an accounting change to charge the \$25/month for Electricity at the RenCen to the Antenna Fund for the past 36-months. There was discussion on this issue, and the consensus was **not** to agree with this accounting change. Accordingly, motion **not** to approve the treasurer's report by Ben WB9FJO and seconded by Gary KC8VQX. Motion approved **not** to accept Treasurer's Report. The treasurer will issue a *revised* report in December.

V. Membership Report by Bobby N8CY

We have 24 members who have paid their 2010 dues, and 14 who have paid 2011 dues. The following members paid their 2011 dues of \$20 at the meeting:

Jim K8LFE (thru 2013)	Ray W8PIE	Kurt WU8V	Bob W8BHF
Gary KC8VQX	Bruce KD8MFR (New Member)		

The *net change* is +4 members for 2011 – for a total of **28** members in good standing. Members are encouraged to pay their 2011 dues at the 21-Dec-2010 meeting.

A total of \$160 in dues was collected and turned over to the treasurer.

VI. Tech Committee + Nets + ARRL Liaison

The 440 MHz repeater is running great!

Next step for 2m repeater is a party at the RenCen. We need to purchase a new connector for 7/8" hardline (\$50-\$100). 2m repeater will transmit w/ 25-watts with new connector. The amp for the 2m is the old Spectra – not good (too many spurs). Replacement cost will be \$300-500 (if we do not get satisfactory performance at 25 watts).

We need to tune-up the cavities for the 2m repeater – they are **worse** than the 440 MHz was. Who has a copy of the TDS forms for coordination of repeaters? The TDS forms [440 MHz and 2m] are overdue for submission to MARC.

Ray W8PIE is the *new* repeater trustee – replacing Jeff N8XN. Need MARC form to change repeater trustee to Ray W8PIE. Bobby N8CY will send a blank MARC TDS form to Ray W8PIE. We still need a **filled-in** TDS form with correct information to be used as a guide to submit new TDS forms to MARC. Does anyone have one?

VII. Old Business

Nominations for 2011 Officers and Directors were opened in October. Nominations will remain open until December – voting to be held at the 21-Dec-2010 meeting. Nominations so far are:

President	Kurt WU8V
Vice President	Ben WB9FJO
Secretary	Bobby N8CY
Treasurer	Ed KC8SBV
Directors-a- Large	Bob KA8VSI and Rich KC8HMJ

Bobby N8CY nominated Jim K8LFE to be Director-at-Large [accepted].

VIII. New Business

Ben WB9FJO asked what are the specific plans for the 2m antenna?

- The Antenna will be custom made and “cut” to our frequency [146.910 MHz].
- We will use a CompRod Antenna (like 440MHz). Paul Reinhardt KC8DDT will assist in procuring.

Ray W8PIE noted that ½” hardline connectors are available on eBay for \$5.

Bruce KD8MFR inquired about the cost (and feasibility) to set-up APRS on the 2m repeater. It is not practical due to the requirement for an “open” internet connection – which we cannot have inside a GM facility.

Kurt WU8V asked if we desire to continue to allocate (e.g.) trunk swap funds to the Antenna Fund? Motion by Bobby N8CY to continue to allocate such funds to the Antenna Fund. Seconded by Tony W8OKX. Motion passed.

It was noted that the “female voice” on the announcements of the 440 MHz repeater is “dated”, noisy, and needs to be changed. Several suggestions of names of “famous” persons (with a great voice) to replace existing announcements were suggested – James Earl Jones, Tim Allen, Jeff Daniels, and Norman Schwarzkopf. Bobby N8CY took on the assignment to find out if *any* famous person is willing to record a suitable announcement for us and report at the 21-Dec-2010 meeting.

IX. Break

X. Program – Bob KA8VSI – Anderson PowerPole Connectors + Parts for Sale

Bobby N8CY had (3) kinds of terminals – (2) kinds of ring terminals and (1) kind of spade terminal. They were made available **free** to members. The response was *enthusiastic*, and most members availed themselves of the opportunity to acquire **free** terminals.

Bob KA8VSI assisted GMARC members to apply PowerPoles to any equipment they brought with them. The cost was \$1 per set, and everyone had a great time.

Bob KA8VSI also had for sale a plastic bag of (30) LEDs [in 3 colors] for **\$1.00**

- (10) **Red** 1.8 volt
- (10) **Yellow** 2.2 volt
- (10) **Green** 2.1 volt

The response was *enthusiastic*, and many members availed themselves of the opportunity to acquire LEDs at an attractive price. Thank You KA8VSI!!!

XI. New Members & Attendance

13 Members attended, and there was 1 Visitor. Bruce Freeburger KD8MFR is a *new* member.

Upcoming Events for GMARC:

LCARC Swap 05-Dec-10 8:00 AM Sunday
Next Membership Meeting 21-Dec-10 7:00 PM Tuesday

As is **tradition** in GMARC, the Club will provide **free Pizza and Buffalo Wings** [from Little Caesar's] and Pop at the December meeting beginning at **6:30 PM**. The regular meeting will commence at 7:00 PM [even if the membership is *still* eating].

XII. Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Corr N8CY
Acting Secretary – GMARC

GMARC Treasurer's Report (Draft)

December 21, 2010

Last Statement Balance 21-Oct-10	\$ 1,922.21
November Deposit (8) 2011 Dues @ \$20	<u>180.00</u>
December Bank Balance --	\$ 2,102.21
Antenna Fund	1,701.84
General Fund	460.37

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