

GMARC MEETING MINUTES 18-Jan-11

I. Call to Order by the President, Kurt WU8V at 7:06 PM

II. Introductions, Upgrades, and Visitors

There were 2 visitors – Dennis KD8MAW and Tom KD8GZE. Tony KD8OVN upgraded to General Class.

III. Minutes

Minutes of the 21-Dec-2010 meeting were available on the web site and copies at the meeting. Motion to approve minutes by Don K7SDF and seconded by Sean KD8NWR. Motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report – Ed KC8SBV

GMARC Treasurer's Report

January 18, 2011

Last Statement Balance 21-Dec-10	\$ 2,102.21
Checks for Pizza / Pop at Dec Mtg	-75.00
Other expenses	-31.69
December Deposit (9) 2011 Dues @ \$20	<u>180.00</u>
January Bank Balance --	\$ 2,175.52
Antenna Fund	1,701.84
General Fund	473.68

Motion by Ray W8PIE to accept the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Tony KD8OVN. Motion carried.

V. Membership Report - Bobby N8CY

We have 24 members who have paid their 2010 dues, and 28 who have paid 2011 dues. The following (2) members paid their 2011 dues of \$20 at the meeting:

Wesley KD8DHS

Ron N8XZ

The *net change* is +5 members for 2011 – for a total of **29** members in good standing. Members are encouraged to pay their 2011 dues at the 15-Feb-2011 meeting. It was noted that we need to get the membership up to **40** to sustain the ongoing expense of the Club.

A total of \$40 in dues was collected and turned over to the Treasurer.

VI. Donation of Yaesu FT-7900R/E Dual Band by Jim K8LFE

Jim K8LFE offered to donate a Yaesu FT-7900R/E Dual Band Mobile radio to the Club to be used for a Fundraiser.

Motion by Bobby N8CY and seconded by Sean KD8NWR:

- Accept offer by Jim K8LFE to donate Yaesu FT-7900R/E radio to Club to be raffled off in a fundraiser
- New members will pay \$20 for a ticket, and this will also pay their first year membership dues
- Existing members can purchase tickets for \$20 but with no membership extension
- Drawing will be at 1st Trunk Swap on 07-May-2011, and radio will be given away on that date
- Limit the number of tickets sold to 100

Motion carried.

VII. Inter-Club Liaison – Jim K8LFE

Jim K8LFE volunteered to purchase “door prizes” and run a raffle at GMARC meeting (similar to USECA and L’Anse Creuse) as an incentive for members to *attend* meetings. He also suggested that we provide a “free table” for members to donate items they no longer need.

Jim stated that Macomb Community College has a meeting every 3rd Saturday to utilize their HAM equipment – next session is February 19th @ 12 Mile and Hayes campus, Bldg. “S” Room F135 from 12 Noon – 5:00 PM EST.

Jim noted that L’Anse Creuse ARC will have an antenna building meeting on Wednesday March 2, 2011 at Tucker Community Center – Jefferson & Ballard Roads. Any kind of diapole antenna can be built at this meeting. You must register to participate. Cost will be the cost of materials. Contact Jim K8LFE at K8LFE@aol.com *in advance of the meeting* date to participate. You can also build a coaxial “Bazooka” if desired. Tools and materials (at cost) will be provided.

Upcoming Swaps:

- Livonia Swap – Sunday, Feb 20th at 8 AM
- Milford Swap – Sunday, April 16th at 8 AM (GMARC will have a free table courtesy of Miford ARC)
- Dayton Hamfest – May 20-22, 2011 in Dayton, OH
- ARRL Field Day – June 25-26, 2011

VIII. New Business

Kurt WU8V led a discussion about the history of GMARC and noted that the club *would not even exist* were it not for Scott Bicknell W1BIC. Scott literally “brought the Club up out of the ashes” after it folded when the former President moved to New York. Kurt suggested that it is appropriate to give a LIFE MEMBERSHIP to Scott in appreciation for making GMARC what it is today.

Motion by Bobby N8CY and seconded by Ray W8PIE to award **LIFE MEMBERSHIP** to Scott W1BIC – with all the rights and privileges accorded to regular dues-paying members. Motion carried.

IX. Technical Committee Report – Ray W8PIE

The 2-meter repeater was put on a Station Monitor. The cavities are Ok on transmit, but cannot be “notched” on receive. There is something *seriously wrong* with the receive cavities. They cannot be adjusted and must be repaired. The repeater itself is FINE and has been repaired.

Paul has a 6-can set of cavities that he may be able to "work us a deal on". There are three options for the cavities:

- Come up with a cost for GMARC to purchase the 6-can cavities
- Borrow the 6-can cavities while ours are being repaired
- 2-meter Repeater will be "off the air" while our cavities are being repaired

If #1 comes to pass, then GMARC will have a "spare set" of cavities that we will have to decide what to do with. Perhaps we will donate them to Macomb Community College or Handi-Hams.

X. Break 8:20 PM – 8:40 PM

XI. Additional Discussion

Bob KA8VSI made a brief description of the GORC Morse Code Telegraph Anniversary Station and certificates he received from the organization.

Ben WB9FJO noted that Rose of the Milford ARC offered a "free table" to GMARC for the Milford Swap on 16-Apr-2011. It was requested that the Secretary write a letter of thanks to the Milford ARC.

XII. Attendance + Funds Collected

13 Members attended. There were (2) Visitors.

The following funds were collected and delivered to the Treasurer:

Membership Dues	\$40.00
Coffee Fund	<u>7.50</u>
Total --	\$47.50

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Coffee Fund.

Upcoming Events for GMARC:

Next Membership Meeting	15-Feb-11	7:00 PM Tuesday
Livonia Swap	20-Feb-11	8:00 AM Sunday
Milford Swap	16-Apr-11	8:00 AM Sunday
Dayton Hamfest	20-22-May-11	
Field Day	25-26-Jun-11	

XIII. Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Corr N8CY
Secretary – GMARC

GMARC Treasurer's Report February 15, 2011

Last Statement Balance 18-Jan-2011 \$ 2,175.52

Check - Donation to Trinity Lutheran	-200.00
January Deposit Coffee Fund	7.50
January Deposit (2) 2011 Dues @ \$20	<u>40.00</u>

February Bank Balance -- \$ 2,023.02

Antenna Fund	1,701.84
General Fund	321.18