

## GMARC MEETING MINUTES 15-Mar-11

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

### II. Introductions, Upgrades, and Visitors

There was 1 visitor – Ralph Beck KD8LWF (GM Employee)

### III. Minutes

Minutes of the 15-Feb-2011 meeting were available on the web site and copies at the meeting. Motion to approve minutes by Ben WB9FJO and seconded by Gary KC8VQX. Motion carried.

### IV. Treasurer's Report – Ed KC8SBV

#### GMARC Treasurer's Report

March 15, 2011

	Last Statement Balance 15-Feb-2011	\$ 2,023.02
	Check – RenCen Utilities thru Jun-2911	-150.00
	Check – K8LFE Cost of Door Prizes	-22.22
	February Deposit Coffee Fund	10.90
	February Deposit Door Prize Raffle	42.00
	February Deposit (7) Raffle Tickets @	
\$10	70.00	February Deposit Livonia Swap
Proceeds	90.00	
	Bank Service Charge	-0.90
	Wireless Network Card for EchoLink® Cmp	-21.19
	Additional Raffle Ticket Stock + Envelopes	-29.66
	(25) Heat Seal Pockets for GMARC Badges	-14.83
	Picture Frame for SSC Certificate	-8.47
	March Deposit (8) Raffle Tickets @ \$10	80.00
	March Deposit (6) Raffle Tickets @ \$10	<u>60.00</u>
	March Bank Balance --	\$ 2,128.65
	Antenna Fund	1,701.84
	General Fund	426.81

Motion by Rich KC8HMJ to accept the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Ray W8PIE. Motion carried.

### V. Membership Report - Bobby N8CY

We have 24 members who have paid their 2010 dues, and 40 who have paid 2011 dues. Greg N1FCK purchased (2) Raffle Tickets and received a free membership with his purchase.

The *net change* is +17 members for 2011 – for a total of **41** members in good standing. Members are encouraged to pay their 2011 dues at the 19-Apr-2011 meeting if you have not already done so. It was noted that we have achieved our initial goal of **40** to sustain the ongoing expenses of the Club. The *new* target is **50** members.

## **VI. Status of Raffle - Yaesu FT-7900R/E Dual Band donated by Jim K8LFE**

Bobby N8CY reported that (32) Raffle Tickets had been sold prior to this meeting. Members purchased (10) tickets at this meeting for a total of (42) tickets sold. Thanks to members who purchased tickets to support the Club.

Kurt WU8V suggested that we continue to have raffles as a way to raise money for the club – perhaps (2) Raffles per year. He suggested that the next raffle be for a 5-watt UHF/VHF Handie Talkie with accessories; e.g. a battery pack, and speaker/microphone.

## **VII. Inter-Club Liaison – Jim K8LFE**

Jim K8LFE was not present, and no Inter-Club Liaison report was given.

## **VIII. New Business**

There was discussion about the upcoming Toledo Mobile Radio Association (TMRA) Swap on Sunday 20-Mar-2011. Ray W8PIE offered to take his "Van" if there is sufficient interest and members chip-in for gas.

Ray W8PIE also offered to put together a trip to the Dayton Hamfest as alternative to the Arrow Bus. Contact Ray ([w8pie@yahoo.com](mailto:w8pie@yahoo.com)) if you are interested.

## **IX. Technical Committee Report – Ray W8PIE**

The 2-meter cavities *definitely* need to be tuned (or replaced). Paul has a *used* 6-pack that can be "loaned" (and perhaps *purchased at a discount* by the Club). It was noted that this is what the Antenna Fund is for, and therefore no further approval is required by the membership to authorize expenditures to bring the 2M repeater up to par. Once the old cavities are swapped-out, Kurt WU8V suggested that we do an "autopsy" to see if they are salvageable.

The planned location for the 2M repeater is BACK at the RenCen on the 73<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Marriott Hotel. There is a problem with the Hard Line Coax, and it needs to be replaced. The original installation cost of the Hard Line was \$750.

There is a 440-MHz Yagi antenna on W1BIC's roof that belongs to the Club. It can be moved to the *new* EchoLink<sup>®</sup> location. Randy WF5X has backed-out of taking over the EchoLink<sup>®</sup> "link" computer and transceiver (WW8GM/L). Kurt WU8V believes he has an alternative site.

## **X. Break 7:40 PM – 8:02 PM**

## **XI. White Elephant Swap**

There were (17) items placed on the "White Elephant Table". The following is the order of participants who claimed a prize in the White Elephant Swap:

150	K1KNN	Robbin
163	WB9FJO	Ben
166	K7SDF	Don
168	WU8V	Kurt
165	K7SDF	Don
189	N8CY	Bobby
	KC8VQX	Gary
157	KA8VSI	Bob
164	WB9FJO	Ben

167	W9RLV	Bob
158	KD8NYA	Eddie
161	K1KNN	Robbin
	WB2HHV	Steven
171	KC8HMJ	Rich
169	KD8OVN	Tony
162	KC8SBV	Ed
159	N8CY	Bobby

There was a lot of **stealing** going on, and some were **heart-broken** from the steal while others were **delighted** at their 2<sup>nd</sup> choice from the table. Perhaps the most interesting "steal" was Bobby N8CY stealing Bob KA8VSI's watch – which was stolen on the next round by Gary KC8VQX. The watch was in N8CY's hands for a total of **43 seconds!** Bob KA8VSI got a *better prize* – a kit (which he loves), and Bobby N8CY got a *better prize* – a set of earphones + microphone, and Gary KC8VQX was *happy* with his watch. All is well that ends well! Everyone had a **fabulous** time with much laughter and fellowship.

WU8V reminded those present that GMARC has a free table at the Milford Swap on **Saturday 16-Apr-2011**. This will be a great opportunity to sell GMARC Raffle Tickets, and we should anticipate similar success to the Livonia Swap where we sold (11) tickets.

## XII. Attendance + Funds Collected

17 Members attended. There was (1) Visitor.

The following funds were collected and delivered to the Treasurer:

Radio Raffle Tickets	\$ 100.00
Door Prize Raffle	18.00
GMARC Logo Mugs	15.00
Coffee Fund	<u>11.48</u>
Total --	\$144.48

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Coffee Fund and purchased tickets in the Door Prize Raffle.

## Upcoming Events for GMARC:

Toledo MRA 56 <sup>th</sup> Hamfest	20-Mar-11	8:00 AM Sunday
Milford Swap	16-Apr-11	8:00 AM Saturday
<b>Next Membership Meeting</b>	<b>19-Apr-11</b>	<b>7:00 PM Tuesday</b>
GMARC Trunk Swap	07-May-11	8:00 AM Saturday
Dayton Hamfest	20-22-May-11	
Field Day	25-26-Jun-11	

**XIII. Meeting Adjourned** at 8:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Corr N8CY  
Secretary – GMARC

March 29, 2011

Last Statement Balance 15-Mar-2011	\$ 2,128.65
March Deposit Coffee Fund	11.48
March Deposit Door Prize Raffle	18.00
March Deposit (10) Raffle Tickets @ \$10	100.00
Coffee Mugs Sold (3) @ \$5	15.00
Bank Service Charge	-0.30
(25) Heat Seal Pockets for GMARC Badges	-13.77
March Deposit (2) Raffle Tickets @ \$10	20.00
March Deposit (2) Raffle Tickets @ \$10	<u>20.00</u>
 March Bank Balance --	 \$ 2,299.06
 Antenna Fund	 1,701.84
General Fund	597.22