

## GMARC MEETING MINUTES 17-May-11

**I. Call to Order** by the President, Kurt WU8V at 7:07 PM

### **II. Introductions, Upgrades, and Visitors**

There were no visitors. Sean Paul KD8NWR has passed his General Class exam.

### **III. Minutes**

Minutes of the 19-Apr-2011 meeting were available on the web site and copies at the meeting. Motion to approve minutes by Ben WB9FJO and seconded by Scott W1BIC. Motion carried.

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

#### **GMARC Treasurer's Report**

May 17, 2011

Last Statement Balance 19-Apr-2011	\$ 2,379.06
April Deposit Coffee Fund	5.00
April Deposit Door Prize Raffle	5.26
April Raffle Tickets	20.00
Milford Raffle Tickets	60.00
Check – 2m Repeater Cavities	-500.00
April Deposit Membership Dues	<u>20.00</u>
May Bank Balance --	\$ 1,989.32*
Antenna Fund	1,201.84
General Fund	787.48

\*Not including \$594.00 in undeposited funds from trunk swap, suit case sales, and raffle tickets.

Motion by Scott W1BIC to accept the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Bob W8BHF. Motion carried.

### **V. Membership Report - Bobby N8CY**

We have 24 members who have paid their 2010 dues, and 50 who have paid 2011 dues.

The *net change* is +26 members for 2011 – for a total of **50** members in good standing. It was noted that we have achieved our goal of **50** to sustain the ongoing expenses of the Club.

### **VI. Trunk Swap and Raffle**

The raffle was completed at the GMARC Trunk Swap on 14-May-2011. Winner of the Yaesu FT-7900 dual band transceiver was Doug N8PYN of L'Anse Creuse. Motion by Scott W1BIC and seconded by Ben WB9FJO that money from the Trunk Swap will go to the General Fund. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott W1BIC and seconded by Don K7SDF that a new raffle be held with a \$300 prize to be drawn at the Christmas Party in December meeting. Motion carried.

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

USECA will have a pre-field day event at Metro Beach jet ski area on June 5<sup>th</sup> 9AM to 9 PM. Field Day will be June 25-26. Macomb Community College open electronics lab every third Saturday, building "S" Room 135 12N – 5 PM. Contact John N8NXW.

### **VIII. Future Presentations**

Grounding  
D-Star Digital Radio

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

The 6-pack cavities were purchased from Paul KD8BDK. The 6-pack cavities are ideal for the High RF environment we are in at the RenCen with considerable InterMod.

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® location.

### **X. Break 8:12 PM – 8:35 PM**

### **XI. Presentation – Battery Back-up – Richard K8RMM + NVI by Kurt WU8V**

An informative presentation on Practical Battery Back-up for Amateur Radio Stations was given by Richard K8RMM including battery facts, types of batteries, and calculating capacity in RC for larger batteries and AH for deep cycle batteries. Circuits for charging batteries in use were also presented.

Kurt WU8V also made a presentation on near vertical instance (NVI) antennas for SSB, Rtty, and Pactor.

### **XII. Attendance + Funds Collected**

12 Members attended. There were no Visitors.

The following funds were collected and delivered to the Treasurer:

Trunk Swap	\$ 544.00
Door Prize Raffle	2.00
Raffle Tickets at	50.00
Coffee Fund	<u>4.50</u>
Total --	\$ 600.50

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

**Upcoming Events for GMARC:**

<b>Next Membership Meeting</b>	<b>21-Jun-11</b>	<b>7:00 PM Tuesday</b>
Dayton Hamfest	20-22-May-11	
Field Day	25-26-Jun-11	

**XIII. Meeting Adjourned** at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Corr N8CY  
Secretary – GMARC

**GMARC Treasurer's Report**

May 17, 2011

Last Statement Balance 19-Apr-2011	\$ 1,989.32
Trunk Swap, Parts Suitcase earnings	544.00
April Deposit Coffee Fund	4.50
April Deposit Door Prize Raffle	2.00
April Raffle Tickets	50.00
Check – New Raffle Prize	<u>-300.00</u>
May Bank Balance --	\$ 2,289.82
Antenna Fund	1,201.84
General Fund	1,087.98

