

# GMARC MEETING MINUTES 15-FEB-2013

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**I. Call to Order** by the President, Kurt WU8V at 7:03 PM

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

There were (3) Visitors -- Jerry W9NPI, Paul Higgins + Pete Higgins. (11) Members were in attendance.

## **III. Minutes**

Minutes of the 15-Jan-2013 meeting were available on the web site and copies at the meeting. Motion to approve the January minutes by Ben WB9FJO and seconded by Ray W8PIE. Motion carried.

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

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

February 18, 2013

Last Statement Balance 15-Jan-2013	\$ 418.18
Coffee Fund	3.56
Postage	-15.00
Hot Seal Laminator for GMARC Badges	-21.06
Membership Dues (Heritage)	30.00
Membership Dues (Regular)	<u>40.00</u>

February Bank Balance -- **\$ 455.68**

Repeater Fund	-0-
General Fund	\$ 455.68

Motion to approve January Treasurer's Report by Bill W8DBG and seconded by Don K7SDF. Motion carried.

## **V. Membership Report - Marty KB8JIU**

We had **29** regular members who had paid their 2013 dues, prior to this meeting. 2 regular members paid their 2013 dues in the interim since the 15-Jan-2013 meeting. Bob KD8THG is a new member acknowledged by Kurt WU8V.

We now have a total of **31** regular members who have paid 2013 dues. We currently have **12** Heritage members, of which (3) have paid dues of \$10.00 each.

## **VI. Inter-Club Liaison – No Report**

USECA is raffling off an **Elecraft® KX3 transceiver** + Microphone + Antenna Tuner. Tickets are \$25 each, and ticket sales will be limited to 125. Drawing will be at the USECA Swap in October, 2013 (or **sooner** -- if all tickets are sold).

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

EchoLink® crashed 3-times during the Monday Night InfoNet on 14-Jan-2013.

443.075 MHz Repeater is running *extremely* well.

145.210 MHz 2m Repeater is back on top of the Marriott Hotel at the RenCen. Ray W8PIE has not been back to RenCen to work on 2m Repeater lately. A Vacuum pump may be needed to pull water out of hardline coax. Ray mentioned he has a J-Pole 2m antenna to put up temporarily to get 2m Repeater up while he works on the Commercial Antenna.

## **VIII. Old Business: Financial Status**

Kurt W1BIC noted that the Club is underfunded. He mentioned that we are thinking about having a local mailing to get interest in the Club. 500 Postcards will be mailed out to prospective New Members - Active Amateur Radio Operators within a 10-mile radius of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Marty KB8JIU has been organizing the Postcard mailing. The FCC ULS database information has been extracted for all Licensees in Michigan, and we are working on selecting the best 500 names.

Bobby N8CY has ordered postcards for the mailing. Kurt WU8V stated that a 6% success rate would result in 30 new members.

## **IX. New Business: BOD Meeting + Special Presentation to Marty KB8JIU**

The GMARC Board of Directors met last Tuesday 12-Feb-2013. The idea of having a new Raffle in 2013 was considered. Kurt WU8V is thinking about ordering a Heil microphone with the connector cable. Ray W8PIE mentioned there might be an issue with the impedance of the microphone.

Kurt WU8V presented Marty KB9JIU with a GMARC Jacket acknowledging his outstanding service to the Club since becoming the new Vice President in December 2012.

## **X. Break**

## **XI. Presentation: History of Telegraphy - Jerry W9NPI**

Jerry W9NPI gave a very informative presentation of the History of Telegraphy in the 1800s.

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

11 Members attended. There were (3) Visitors.

The following funds were collected and delivered to the Treasurer:

Membership Dues	\$ 20.00 - (1-regular)
Coffee Fund	<u>1.25</u>
Total --	\$ 21.25

## Upcoming Events for GMARC:

### Next GMARC Membership Meeting

Milford ARC Annual Swap & Shop  
Dayton HamVention 2013  
Field Day 2013  
Lansing ARC Swap & Shop  
Kalamazoo ARC Swap & Shop

**19-Mar-2013 7:00 PM Tuesday**  
20-Apr-2013 8:00 AM Saturday  
May 17-19, 2013 Fri, Sat, Sun  
June 22-23, 2013  
27-Jul-2013 8:00 AM Sunday  
20-Oct-2012 8:00 AM Sunday

**XIII. Meeting Adjourned** at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Temple - KB8JIU  
Acting Secretary - GMARC

### GMARC Treasurer's Report

March 12, 2013 (Pro-Forma)

Last Statement Balance 19-Feb-2013	\$ 455.68
Coffee Fund	1.25
Adjustment to Hot Seal Laminator	-.02 (Correct Amount was -\$21.08)
QRZ.com LLC - Access to QRZ Database	-19.95
Labels for New Member Mailpiece	-34.75 pd
POS Bank Fees	-0.60 pd
Membership Dues (Regular)	80.00 pd
Membership Dues (Heritage)	20.00 pd (KE8NP - Deposit 12-
Mar)	
Scott W1BIC Donation New Member Mailpiece	40.00 pd
Bobby N8CY Donation New Member Mailpiece	38.00 pd
Kurt WU8V Donation New Member Mailpiece	120.00 pd
Postage for (496) New Member Mailpieces	-111.42 due
www.VistaPrint.com - Printing Mailpiece	-176.87 due
Bobby N8CY Donation 501(c)(3) Appl Fund	50.00 pd
Marty KB8JIU Donation New Member Mailpiece	40.00 pd
Ray W8PIE Donation New Member Mailpiece	30.00 pd
Rich KC8HMJ Donation New Member Mailpiece	30.00 pd
Ben WB9FJO Donation New Member Mailpiece	<u>36.00</u> pd
March Bank Balance --	<b>\$ 597.32</b>
Repeater Fund	-0-
New Member Mailpiece Fund	
(+334.00 -323.04)	10.96
501(c)(3) Fund	50.00
General Fund	\$ 536.36