

GMARC MEETING MINUTES 21-Apr-2015

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I. Call to Order by the President, Marty KB8JIU at 7:18 PM

II. Introductions, Upgrades, and Visitors

Visitors: Dale Williams WA8EFK - Director, Great Lakes Division ARRL
Mike McDermit WA8AQG
John Pollman K8ZEC

III. Minutes

Minutes of the 17-Mar-2105 meeting were available on the web site and copies at the meeting. Motion to approve the March minutes by Robbin K1KNN and seconded by Charlene KC8PIC. Motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report – Ed KC8SBV

GMARC Treasurer's Report

April 21, 2015

Last Statement Balance 17-Mar-2015	\$ 2,398.68
Adams Electronics (2m Repeater)	-800.00
Repeater Fund (Jim KB8WLN)	50.00
Membership Dues	40.00
50/50 Raffle Raffle	22.00
Coffee Fund	<u>16.67</u>
April Bank Balance --	\$ 1,727.35
New Member Mailpiece Fund	10.96
501(c)(3) Fund	400.00
Raffle Fund	338.58
Repeater Fund*	40.00
General Fund	937.81
Additional Repeater Fund Pledges	350.00
- Ray W8PIE \$100	
- Bobby N8CY \$100	
- Kurt WU8V \$100	
- Jim KB8WLN \$50	
*Projected Repeater Fund Balance	\$ 340.00

Motion to approve March Treasurer's Report by Robbin K1Knn and seconded by Bob KD8THG. Motion carried.

V. Membership Report - Bobby N8CY

We have **24** members who paid their 2015 dues, and **36** Heritage Members.

The following persons paid their 2015 dues at this meeting:

Pete Higgins KD8VAY

Mike McDermit WA8AQG

VI. Rochester Crop Walk

The Rochester Crop Walk has been moved to the Spring. Mark Kilbourn is the new Executive Director of Rochester Area Neighborhood House (RANH) 248.651.5836 director@ranh.org. The date for the Spring Crop walk is still not available. (Cell: 248.701.7880) Karen Rider 248.651.9361, St. Paul's Rochester Church (sponsor of Crop Walk 2015).

VII. Inter-Club Liaison – Bobby N8CY

Details of upcoming GMARC Trunk Swaps to be held at Packard Proving Grounds - 49965 Van Dyke Ave, Shelby Township, MI 48317 beginning at 8:00 AM:

18-Jul-2015 Saturday

19-Sep-2015 Saturday

VIII. Technical Committee Report – Ray W8PIE

Motion by Scott W1BIC to **spend** up to an additional \$100 to purchase the new 2m iCom repeater from Scott Adams AC8IL and seconded by Linda KD8SAI. Motion carried.

Note: The invoice amount from Scott Adams is \$872.10, and \$800.00 that was authorized at the 17-Mar-2015 meeting has been paid.

Kurt WU8V noted that donations to the Repeater Fund can be made via PayPal - treas@gmarc.org.

Our existing CAT-1000 controller has been wired to the new transceiver but will not enable "linking" between the 443.075 MHz repeater and the new 2m repeater.

Ray W8PIE plans to visit the RenCen next week to test the (2) hardline coax runs from the roof to the Radio Room. This visit is **not** to install the new repeater but rather only to test the coax.

New hardline coax would cost \$700 + \$40-50/ea for connectors. RG8U would cost \$200 @ \$0.80/ft.

Exposure to the elements will corrode Cu/Al mix of conductors.

There was a questions about linking of repeaters: Why, How, When?

Comment by John K8ZEC, coax should be absolute BEST available!

Members were encouraged to put 145.210 - 123 Hz PL back in their radios in anticipation of 2m repeater coming back OnLine.

Scott W1BIC volunteered "Estes Rd Site" (across from Great Lakes Crossing) for testing of 2m Repeater.

The 2m Repeater is up and operating at the "Super Secret" location. Ray W8PIE monitors BOTH repeaters from his home.

Unallocated funds in the treasury that could be used to replace coax (if necessary):

Raffle Fund:	\$338.58
Repeater Fund:	<u>340.00</u>
Total	\$678.58

IX. GMARC Embroidered Logo Gear

The following members expressed interest in GMARC Embroidered Logo Gear:

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| 1. Ron KD8SAB | Hat |
| 2. Charlene KC8PIC | Hat + Polo (XL) |
| 3. Don K7SDF | Hat |
| 4. Linda KD8SAI | Hat |
| 5. Prem AC8QV | Hat + Polo (Sm) |
| 6. Frank W8FKZ | Hat |

X. New Business

Dale WA8EFK made presentation of ARRL Special Services Club (SSC) Certificate to our President Marty KB8JIU. Dale noted that there are criteria in (6) categories that a club must meet in order to be designated as an SSC by the ARRL. There are (76) ARRL affiliated clubs in the State of Michigan, and only (6) are designated as SSCs -- Hiawatha, Genessee, Monroe, USECA, GMARC, and one other.

Tony W8OKX noted that Bobby N8CY should be recognized for documenting the accomplishments of GMARC over the past two years and submitting the SSC application to the ARRL. Tony W8OKX will investigate with Trinity Lutheran Church the potential to hang our certificate in Room 204

XI. Dayton Hamvention - Arrow Bus Trip 16-May-2015

ARROW Communications Association (ARA) will again sponsor a Bus Trip to the Dayton Hamvention on Saturday 16-May-2015. The cost is \$55 for ARA members, and \$65 for non-member. Your bus ticket does **NOT** include admission to the Dayton Hamvention (\$25 for a one-day pass).

Annual dues for ARA are \$20 -- so it makes sense to join ARA and get the member price -- while you are supporting our Sister Club in Ann Arbor. Departure is 4:30 AM from the Park-and-Ride lot beside Ann Arbor Pioneer H.S. (diagonally across the street from University of Michigan Stadium) arriving in Dayton at 8:00 AM. A snack breakfast will be served on the bus going down. Departure from Dayton is at 5:00 PM -- with a stop along the way for dinner and arriving back in Ann Arbor around 9:00 PM.

Mail at check for \$65 (or \$75 if you wish to join ARA) to:

ARROW Communications Association
3322 Yellowstone Dr
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

You may also pay via PalPal on the ARA website: www.w8pgw.org.

XII. GMARC Charity Raffle as a Fundraiser

Details of the proposed GMARC Charity Raffle: Tickets will be \$5.00 each. As has been past practice, if a person purchases (4) tickets for \$20,00, he will receive a free 2015 membership in GMARC for the balance of the current year. The prize will be a Dual Band Mobile Transceiver (e.g. Yaesu FT-7900R). Drawing will be 15-Dec-2015 at the GMARC Christmas Party.

We have not yet obtained a Raffle License from the State Gaming Commission. Since the Raffle Registration number is required to be on the Raffle Tickets, we cannot **print** tickets until the license is obtained.

XIII. Break 7:57 PM - 8:14 PM

Winners of the door prize raffle were:

- 259 Robbin K1KNN
- 228 Bill K8DBG
- 296 Ed KC8SBV
- 243 Kurt WU8V
- 282 Bob KD8THG
- 263 Richard KC8HMJ
- 207 Charlene KC8PIC
- 221 Robbin K1KNN
- 235 Linda KD8SAI
- 211 Charlene KC8PIC

XIV. Presentation – Raspberry Pi to Control EchoLink Access - Marty KB8JIU

Marty KB8JIU made an interesting and informative presentation -- EchoLink made easy with a Raspberry Pi microcomputer and SVXLink.

XV. Attendance + Funds Collected

Door Prize Raffle	\$ 35.00
Coffee Fund	18.00
Repeater Fund (W8PIE/N8CY)	200.00
Dues	<u>40.00</u>
Total --	\$ 293.00

19 Members attended, and there were 3 visitors.

Upcoming Events for GMARC:

- Cadillac Hamfest** **02-May-15** **8:00 PM Saturday - Cadillac, MI**
- Cooper County RAA Hamfest** **09-May-15** **8:00 PM Saturday - Chassel, MI**
- Dayton Hamvention** **May 15-16, 2015** **Dayton, OH**
- Next Membership Meeting** **19-May-15** **7:00 PM Tuesday**
- Independent Repeaters Assn** **06-Jun-15** **8:00 PM Saturday - Hudsonville, MI**
- Chelsea Radio Swap 'n Shop** **07-Jun-15** **8:00 PM Sunday - Chelsea, MI**
- Milford Hamfest** **20-Jun-15** **8:00 PM Saturday - Milford, MI**
- Monroe Hamfest** **21-Jun-15** **8:00 PM Sunday - Monroe, MI**

Motion to adjourn by Scott W1BIC and seconded by Bobby N8CY.

XVI. Meeting Adjourned at 8:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Corr N8CY, Secretary - GMARC

GMARC Treasurer's Report

May 5, 2015 (Pro-Forma)

Last Statement Balance 17-Mar-2015	\$ 1,727.35
Repeater Fund (W8PIE/N8CY)	200.00
Membership Dues	40.00
Door Prize Raffle Raffle	35.00
Door Prize Expense	
Coffee Fund	<u>18.00</u>
April Bank Balance --	\$ 2,020.35
New Member Mailpiece Fund	10.96
501(c)(3) Fund	400.00
Raffle Fund	338.58
Repeater Fund*	240.00
General Fund	1,030.81
Additional Repeater Fund Pledges	100.00
- Kurt WU8V \$100	
- Accrued Expense	-72.10
*Projected Repeater Fund Balance	\$ 267.90