

## GMARC MEETING MINUTES 19-JAN-2016

**I. Call to Order** by the President, Marty KB8JIU at 7:00 PM

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

There was 1 Visitor – David Sebesta WA3OFA.

### **III. Minutes**

Minutes of the 15-Dec-2015 meeting were available on the web site and copies at the meeting. Motion to approve December minutes by Robbin K1KNN and seconded by Kurt WU8V. Motion carried.

### **IV. Treasurer's Report – Bobby N8CY**

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

January 19, 2016

Last Statement Balance 15-Dec-2015	\$ 1,974.70
Membership Dues	110.00
Raffle Tickets – December Meeting	115.00
Volunteer Recognition Event	-77.00
Coffee Fund	<u>2.00</u>
January Bank Balance --	\$2,124.70

Raffle Fund	721.08
Repeater Fund*	178.90
New Member Mailpiece Fund	10.96
501(c)(3) Fund	400.00
General Fund	813.76

Additional Repeater Fund Pledges:  
- Kurt WU8V -\$100

\*Projected Repeater Fund Balance \$ 278.90

Motion to approve January Treasurer's Report by Kurt WU8V and seconded by Charlene KC8PIC. Motion carried.

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

We have **21** members who paid their 2016 dues, and 36 Heritage Members. The following members paid their 2016 dues at the meeting:

Robbin K1KNN

### **VI. GMARC Web Site – Frank W8FKZ**

The GMARC Web Site has been completely redone in WordPress by Frank W8FKZ. The new web site is very aesthetic and it should be much easier to maintain the pages in the new system. Frank would like us to send pictures to him that can be used on the Web Site (FrankSonye@comcast.net).

## **VII. Inter-Club Liaison – Bobby N8CY**

<b>Snow Drift Rally</b>	<b>29-30-Jan-16</b>	<b>NearAtlanta, MI + Lewiston, MI</b>
<b>USECA Winter Field Day</b>	<b>30-31-Jan-16</b>	<b>NearLexington, MI</b>
<b>Hazel Park 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Swap</b>	<b>24-Jan-16</b>	<b>8:00 AM Sunday – Madison Heights, MI</b>
<b>Livonia ARC Swap-N-Shop</b>	<b>21-Feb-16</b>	<b>8:00 AM Sunday – Livonia, MI</b>
<b>Next Membership Meeting</b>	<b>16-Feb-16</b>	<b>7:00 PM Tuesday</b>

Linda KD8SAI reported that the Snow Drift Rally will be held Jan 30-31, 2015 in Montmorency County, MI. Contact Barbara 248.685.2773 or [workers@sno-drift.org](mailto:workers@sno-drift.org)

Livonia ARC Swap-N-Swap will be Sunday, 15-Feb-2015 at 8 AM.

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

Everything is the same as reported last month. There is no telephone for remote control of the repeaters. Hyperion Signs transmits on BOTH of our repeater frequencies.

Mike W8MJC knows some people who will be able to help-out with tuning-up our repeaters.

Motion by Scott W1BIC and seconded by Dick KE8BFF to request Mike W8MJC make contact with these persons and be our liaison. Motion carried. Scott noted that improving our repeaters should be a priority for the Club.

## **IX. GMARC Embroidered Logo Gear**

Frank W8FKZ requested an XL Gray Shirt. Tony W8OKX requested an XXL Gray Shirt. We will need to order (4) items in each category (e.g. shirt / hat / jacket) to place an order.

## **X. Old / New Business**

Robbin K1KNN gave a report on H.R. 1301 – The Amateur Radio Parity Act. A hearing was held on Capitol Hill on January 12<sup>th</sup> by Rep Greg Walker W7EQI (R-OR) who called the resolution “a commonsense bill” and urged his colleagues to support it. The primary addition of H.R. 1301 (vs. PRB-1 – codified into Michigan Law as P.A. 556) is that it addresses CCRs for private land use restrictions.

## **XI. Break – 8:00 PM – 8:15 PM**

## **XII. Remote Control of HF Radio – Scott W1BIC**

Scott W1BIC made an interesting and informative presentation on various methods for remote control of an HF radio via a cell phone (or internet connectivity). The solution that Scot has is called Remote Shack and costs \$479 + \$49 for a cable specific to the HF radio controlled. He can control all aspects of radio operation from touch tones on a cell phone – using HRD commands.

Other solutions that were discussed are:

- iCom RS-BA1 Software
- Elecraft K3 / K0 combination - \$3,000
- RemoteHamRadio.com – 7 world class stations that are available on a subscription basis for \$99/year + \$.09/minute usage charge

As an aside, Scott mentioned an internet PowerStrip for approx. \$130 that can ping Google, and if it loses its ping, it can reset an outlet on the PowerStrip. This can be very useful to reset an internet router if it needs to be reset. There are various additional programming features available for the PowerStrip.

### XIII. Attendance + Funds Collected

15 Members attended. There was one visitor.

The following funds were collected but not delivered to the Treasurer:

50/50 Raffle	\$ 23.00	- Frank W8FKZ won raffle with \$1 booby prize to Bobby N8CY.
Coffee Fund	5.00	
Membership Dues	<u>20.00</u>	- Robbin K1KNN
Total --	\$ 48.00	

### Upcoming Events for GMARC:

<b>Snow Drift Rally</b>	<b>29-30-Jan-16</b>	<b>Near Atlanta, MI + Lewiston, MI</b>
<b>USECA Winter Field Day</b>	<b>30-31-Jan-16</b>	<b>Near Lexington, MI</b>
<b>Hazel Park 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Swap</b>	<b>24-Jan-16 8:00 AM Sunday</b>	<b>– Madison Heights, MI</b>
<b>Livonia ARC Swap-N-Shop</b>	<b>21-Feb-16 8:00 AM Sunday</b>	<b>– Livonia, MI</b>
		<b>Civic Park Sr. Ctr – 15218 Farmington Rd @ 5 Mile Rd</b>
<b>Next Membership Meeting</b>	<b>16-Feb-16 7:00 PM Tuesday</b>	

### XIV. Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Corr N8CY  
Secretary – GMARC

### GMARC Treasurer's Report

February 16, 2016 (Pro-forma)

Last Statement Balance 19-Jan-2016	\$ 2,124.70
Membership Dues	20.00
50/50 Raffle	23.00
Coffee Fund	<u>5.00</u>
February Bank Balance --	\$2,172.70

Raffle Fund	721.08
Repeater Fund*	178.90
New Member Mailpiece Fund	10.96
501(c)(3) Fund	400.00
General Fund	861.76

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# Agenda

February 16, 2016

**I. Call to Order – Marty KB8JIU Presiding**

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

**III. Minutes – Bobby N8CY (Motion to Approve)**

**IV. Treasurer's Report – Page 3 of Minutes – Bobby N8CY (Motion to Approve)**

**V. Membership Report – Bobby N8CY**

**VI. Inter-Club Liaison – Bobby N8CY**

**Livonia ARC Swap-N-Shop**

**21-Feb-168:00 AM Sunday – Livonia, MI**

**Civic Park Sr. Ctr – 15218 Farmington Rd @ 5 Mile Rd**

**Next Membership Meeting**

**15-Mar-167:00 PM Tuesday**

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

**Status of request for help with our repeaters by Mike W8MJC.**

**VIII. GMARC Embroidered Logo Gear – Bobby N8CY**

**IX. Old / New Business**

**HR 1301 Status – Robbin K1KNN**

**Motion to send \$200 check to Trinity Lutheran Church**

**X. Break – (7:45 – 8:00 PM)**

**50/50 Prize Raffle**

**XI. 8:00 PM Presentation – “Radio Beacons” – Richard KC8HMJ**

**Richard KC8HMJ will make an interesting and informative presentation on “Radio Beacons”.**

Longwave Beacons, their use and info about DXing them as well as a reference site:

This site gives the LW beacons info as well as a bunch of info for other frequencies, it even lists world time signal frequencies: <http://dxinfocentre.com/>

HF Beacons, their use not just for hams and a site and an app:

NCDXF.ORG and a good app on ios and Droid is: BeaconAid-HF

**XIII. Adjourn (Before 9:00 PM)**