

GMARC MEETING MINUTES 16-FEB-2016

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I. Call to Order by the President, Marty KB8JIU at 7:05 PM

II. Introductions, Upgrades, and Visitors

There was 3 Visitors – Leonard KA8II, Jeff Scharfenkamp, and Ken Gasiiecki, Jr.

III. Minutes

Minutes of the 19-Jan-2016 meeting were available on the web site and copies at the meeting. Motion to approve January minutes by Linda KD8SAI and seconded by Bill W8DBG. Motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report – Bobby N8CY

GMARC Treasurer's Report

February 16, 2016

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

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

*Projected Repeater Fund Balance \$ 278.90

Motion to approve February Treasurer's Report by Robbin K1KNN and seconded by Charlene KC8PIC. Motion carried.

V. Membership Report - Bobby N8CY

We have **20** members who paid their 2016 dues, and **36** Heritage Members. The following members paid their 2016 dues at the meeting:

Marty KB8JIU Charlene KC8PIC

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

Next Membership Meeting	15-Mar-16 7:00 PM Tuesday
Crossroads Hamfest	19-Mar-16 8:00 AM Saturday – Kalamazoo, MI
Cadillac Michigan Hamfest	07-May-16 8:00 AM Saturday – Cadillac, MI Cadillac Jr. High – 500 Chestnut St – Cadillac 49601
Chassell Michigan Hamfest	14-May-16 8:00 AM Saturday – Chassell, MI (UP)
Dayton HamVention	20-23-May-16 Dayton, OH

Livonia ARC Swap-N-Swap will be Sunday, 21-Feb-2015 at 8 AM, and Richard KC8HMJ has two tables that can be used by members wishing to sell items.

VIII. Technical Committee Report – Mike W8MJC

Mike W8MJC noted that Colin W8CMC and Dan K8PLW have completed their initial assessment of our repeaters and power amp for the 440-MHz repeater. The 440-MHz power have has (3) blown FET transistors that will cost \$150.00 to replace. Mike purchased a new set of 440-MHz cans for \$50.00 and will donated them to the club. They will require new jumper cables to be prepared by Colin W8CMC.

Motion by Bobby N8CY and seconded by Robbin K1KNN to authorize up to \$200 to purchase parts for the 440-MHz repeater. Motion carried.

Mike W8MJC suggested that members donate to the repeater fund, and made an initial donation of \$20 followed by an outpouring of support from members presents. The following members made donations to the repeater fund:

Marty KB8JIU	\$10	Pete KD8VAY	\$10	Dick KE8BFF	\$20
Scott W1BIC	\$20	Prem* AC8QV	\$20	Kurt WU8V	\$5
Mike WA8AQG	\$20	Frank W8FKZ	\$20	Don K7SDF	\$10
Tony W8OKX	\$3	Jeff (Visitor)	\$4	Steve WB2HHV	\$20
Charlene KC8PIC	\$10	Richard KC8HMJ	\$10	Linda KD8SAI	\$10
Bob KD8THG	\$20	Bill W8DBG	\$20	Mike W8MJC	\$20
Bobby N8CY	\$20				

Total -- \$267.00 Cash + \$20 PayPal* + \$50 in-kind donation by Mike W8MJC

The next steps are to go up on top of the RenCen, install the 440-MHz power camp, tune the 440-MHz cans, and check-out the 2m repeater. We need to re-create that cable that allows the CAT-1000 controllers to "link" the 2m and 440-MHz repeaters. Dan K8PLW is also helping with repeaters.

IX. GMARC Embroidered Logo Gear

Frank W8FKZ requested an XL Gray Shirt. Tony W8OKX requested an XXL Gray Shirt. Mike W8MJC requested aan XL Blue Shirt, and Bill W8DBG requested an L Blue Shirt. Scott WBIC requested an XL Royal Blue Jacket. 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 12th 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. HF Radio Beacons – Richard KC8HMJ

Richard KC8HMJ made an interesting and informative presentation and demonstration of HF Radio Beacons.

XIII. Attendance + Funds Collected

18 Members attended. There were 3 visitors.

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

50/50 Raffle	\$ 23.50	- Mike W8MJC won raffle
Membership Dues	30.00	- Marty KB8KIU / Charlene KC8PIC
Coffee Fund	5.00	
Repeater Fund Donations @	15.00	
- Livonia Swap		
Repeater Fund	<u>252.00</u>	+ \$20 by PayPal (Prem AC8QV)
Total --	\$325.50	(Not including PayPal Donation)

Upcoming Events for GMARC:

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- Dayton USECA Bus Trip** **21-May-16 4:00 AM Depart from Wal-Mart Van Dyke @ 12-Mile**
Cost is \$50 – must be paid by 1-May-16.

Motion to adjourn by Don K7SDF and seconded by Frank W8FKz. Motion carried.

XIV. Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Corr N8CY
Secretary – GMARC

GMARC Treasurer's Report

March 15, 2016

Last Statement Balance 16-Feb-2016	\$2,172.70
Membership Dues	50.00
50/50 Raffle	23.50
Trinity Lutheran Church Annual Donation	-200.00
Repeater Fund	287.00
440-Mhz Repeater Parts – Colin W8CMC	-200.00
Coffee Fund	<u>4.50</u>
 March Bank Balance --	 \$2,137.70
 Raffle Fund	 721.08
Repeater Fund*	265.90
New Member Mailpiece Fund	10.96
501(c)(3) Fund	400.00
General Fund	739.76
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 *Projected Repeater Fund Balance	 \$ 365.90

Agenda

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III. Minutes – Bobby N8CY (Motion to Approve)

IV. Treasurer's Report – Page 4 of Minutes – Bobby N8CY (Motion to Approve)

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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 Business

HR 1301 Status – Robbin K1KNN

X. Break – (7:45 – 8:00 PM)

50/50 Prize Raffle

XI. 8:00 PM Presentation – “Preparation for Homeland Security IS Exams” – Kurt WU8V

Kurt WU8V will make a presentation of preparation for Homeland Security IS Exams.

XIII. Adjourn (Before 9:00 PM)