

GMARC MEETING MINUTES 20-SEP-2016

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I. Call to Order by the Vice-President, Tony W8OKX at 7:00 PM.

II. Introductions, Upgrades, and Visitors

There were (2) visitors.

III. Minutes

Minutes of the 21-Jun meeting were available on the web site and copies at the meeting. Motion to approve June minutes by Scott W1BIC and seconded by Linda KD8SAI. Motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report – Bobby N8CY

GMARC Treasurer's Report

September 20, 2016

Last Statement Balance 21-Jun-2016	\$2,755.47
RenCen Utilities	-150.00
Donations at August Lark-in-the-Park	34.00
Membership Dues	140.00
July Trunk Swap	180.00
September Trunk Swap	55.00
Repeater Fund	<u>360.00</u>
June Bank Balance --	\$3,374.47
Raffle Fund	721.08
Repeater Fund*	905.90
New Member Mailpiece Fund	10.96
501(c)(3) Fund	400.00
General Fund	1,291.53
Additional Repeater Fund Pledges:	
- Kurt WU8V -\$100	
*Projected Repeater Fund Balance	\$ 1,005.90

Motion to approve May Treasurer's Report by Scott W1BIC and seconded by Linda KD8SAI. Motion carried.

V. Membership Report – Bobby N8CY

We have **34** members who paid their 2016 dues, and **36** Heritage Members. (2) new members paid their 2016 dues at the meeting:

Richard K8OX Tim KD8SAY

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

Kalamazoo Hamfest & Swap 16-Oct-16 Sunday 8:00 AM
USECA Hamfest & Swap 30-Oct-16 Sunday 8:00 AM Madison Hts, MI
L'Anse Creuse Hamfest & Swap 04-Dec-15 Sunday 8:00 AM Madison Hts, MI

GMARC has again been requested to provide Emergency Communications for the Scare Away Hunger Walk on Sunday 23-Oct-2016. Volunteer check-in is at 2:00 PM, and the race will begin at 3:00 PM. The location is at Rochester College – NW corner for Rochester Rd and Avon Rd. We need volunteers to support this Community Event.

VIII. Technical Committee Report – Mike W8MJC

Ron WD8MNX has agreed to evaluate the spectrum P.A. and make a recommendation.

It was noted the Walt WB8E has always been the ambassador of the USECA 147.18 repeater. Mike W8MJC made a challenge to the membership to be available on our repeaters to answer anyone who throws out their call.

We need to re-create that cable that allows the CAT-1000 controllers to "link" the 2m and 440-MHz repeaters. Scott W!BIC talked to the CAT-1000 guy, and he pointed us to a guy in AL that can make an inter-connect cable. 123.net is an ISP that is right below us in radio room. Scott asked them to provide an internet port so we can control our repeaters out-of-band. They stated they are willing to do this but we need to be 501(c)(3) for them to make donation.

Bill N8SA suggested that we initiate a GoFundMe.com request to buy a new Yaesu digital repeater for approx. \$1,000.

The iCom 2m repeater seems to shut-down for no reason after about 2 minutes.

The 4-can cavities are back from Sinclair. The 2m repeater should be back on the air within 2 weeks.

IX. GMARC Embroidered Logo Gear

Frank W8FKZ requested an XL Gray Shirt. Tony W8OKX requested an XXL Gray Shirt. Mike W8MJC requested an XL Blue Shirt, Richard requested a M Lt. Blue Shirt and Bill W8DBG requested an L Blue Shirt. Bill N8SA requested an XXL Blue Shirt. Scott WBIC requested an XL Jacket, Mike W8MJC requested an XL Jacket, Ken KD8UXW requested an L Jacket, and Tony WA2IVO requested an L Jacket -- all Royal Blue. We will need to order (4) items in each category (e.g. shirt / hat / jacket) to place an order.

The following members ordered GMARC Caps: Linda KD8SAI, Richard KC8HMJ, Dick KE8BFF, Bill N8SA, and Mike W8MJC.

The embroidered gear has been ordered. Prices have gone up. It looks like shirts will be about \$28, Jackets about \$43, and Caps \$8. Please let me know if you have any requests to add to the order.

X. Old / New Business

Robbin K1KNN gave a report on H.R. 1301 – The Amateur Radio Parity Act. Robbin noted that there is a link to a YouTube video about H.R. 1301 on the ARRL web site to send correspondence to your U.S. Senators. <https://arrrl.rallycongress.net/ctas/urge-senate-to-support-amateur-radio-parity-act>. The House of Representative approved this Bill on 12-Sep-2016.

Robbin K1KNN suggested that we activate our 501(c)(3) application with the IRS. Kurt WU8V stated that we have sample form filled-out. We will need financial statements for the past 3 years from the Treasurer to make the application.

XI. Attendance + Funds Collected

19 Members attended. There were (2) visitors.

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

Membership Dues	\$ 40.00
50/50 Raffle	<u>16.00</u> - Richard KC8HMJ won the Raffle
Total --	\$460.00

Upcoming Events for GMARC:

Kalamazoo Hamfest & Swap	16-Oct-16 Sunday 8:00 AM
Next Membership Meeting	18-Oct-16 7:00 PM Tuesday
Scare Away Hunger Walk	23-Oct-16 Sunday 2:00 PM – Rochester College NW Corner of Rochester Rd & Avon Rd
USECA Hamfest & Swap	30-Oct-16 Sunday 8:00 AM Madison Hts, MI
L'Anse Creuse Hamfest & Swap	04-Dec-15 Sunday 8:00 AM Madison Hts, MI

XII. Meeting Adjourned at 8:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Corr – N8CY
Secretary – GMARC

GMARC Treasurer's Report

October 18, 2016 (Pro-Forma)

Last Statement Balance 20-Sep-2016	\$3,374.47
Membership Dues	40.00
Liability Insurance Premium	-298.00
Money order for Auto-Owners Payment	-5.00
50/50 Raffle	<u>16.00</u>

October Bank Balance -- \$3,127.47

Raffle Fund	721.08
Repeater Fund*	905.90
New Member Mailpiece Fund	10.96
501(c)(3) Fund	400.00
General Fund	1,089.53

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Agenda

October 18, 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 4 of Minutes – Bobby N8CY (Motion to Approve)

V. Membership Report – Scott W1BIC

VI. Inter-Club Liaison – Bobby N8CY

VII. Technical Committee Report – Ray W8PIE

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

VIII. GMARC Embroidered Logo Gear (See Minutes) – 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 – “Dongle Digital Radios” – Scott W1BIC

- Scott WBIC will make a presentation on Dongle Digital Radios

XIII. Adjourn (Before 9:00 PM)