

**GMARC MEETING MINUTES 16-Mar-2021**  
**V1.1**

I. **Call to Order** by President Bill Chesney at 7:33 pm over a Zoom Virtual meeting.

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

No formal introductions or other related announcements were made.

III. **Membership Report** – Frank W8FKZ

Frank presented shared a document during the meeting in which it was revealed that there are 150 regular members and 57 heritage members. He also stated that only 93 members are up to date on paying their yearly dues. There are 57 members who still need to pay their dues during the grace period which ends on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

IV. **Technical Report** – Ron WD8MNX

Ron mentioned that the FCC filing for the the WW8GM repeater has been straightened out. He also stated that the two meter is not working at full capacity since, the antenna has broken at the same place (in the middle) as the prior antenna. It is now working as quarter wave antenna which will make it harder to get into the repeater.

A question from Jay WB8SBI was asked about the MARC paperwork. Ron stated that the information on the WW8GM license just needed to be updated. These updates were for administrative purposes only. Ron further stated that the club coordination with the MARC was good for two years.

Frank W8FKZ mentioned that the club does not have a PO box. Ron mentioned that the club really doesn't need one. Frank also stated that we need to update the PayPal information every year along with the bank information periodic updates to ensure everything is current.

Bill N8SA mentioned that Frank was submitting the raffle application to the State of Michigan. He also stated that Bobby N8CY decided that he would like to take on the club raffle project again. Bill stated that Bobby would be the raffle ticket person for this year. To support Bobby with the raffle project. Bill asked someone to help him out. Jay WB8SBI said he could help Bobby with the process to learn how it should be done.

Bill stated that the original targeted raffle drawing day was April 18<sup>th</sup> however, he made a decision to move it to May 1<sup>st</sup> since this is the day of our first trunk swap at the Packard Proving grounds. Bill is hopeful that we can hold our first face to face meeting at our June Picnic.

Lastly, Bill stated that our raffle drawing would be in the “under \$500 category” which only requires a \$15 filing fee with the state. Old tickets state the draw date as April 18<sup>th</sup> however, the date is now moved to May 1<sup>st</sup> due to the shift in the start date of our first swap. Due to Covid, our annual indoor swap/expo was canceled at the PPG for April. Frank said we should have a zoom meeting on the date of the raffle to let everyone see the drawing take place.

V. **Treasurers Report** – Bill N8SA

Bill mentioned that all of the treasurers information has been transferred over to Linda. She is now completely in control of Treasury operations.

Linda KD8SAI stated that there is \$9544.14 in the club treasury now. She stated that the broadcast services have been paid for the next six months. It includes a \$40 a month for electric bill for the Repeater site. Linda said that we are caught up and paid ahead for the club bills.

Marty KB8JIU asked if the club was still using a debit card to pay for some expenses. Bill N8SA stated that we did however, the debit cards were all canceled. The club will now rely upon issuing checks only for bill payment.

Bill also mentioned that he needs to get with Linda to transfer the license for Quicken over to her. Bill says we probably don't need Quicken except for supporting our 501c status reports.

#### **VI. Minutes – Marty KB8JIU**

Minutes for the Feb 16<sup>th</sup> 2021 virtual meeting were sent out prior to the club meeting. However, the delivery of minutes was not soon enough to see them posted to the club web site prior to this meeting.

#### **VII. New Business**

Bill N8SA stated that USECA club wants to hold a trunk swap at the PPG on July 18<sup>th</sup> and they will invite all local clubs and not charge any entry fees. It was also mentioned by Bill that VE Testing will take place at noon during this USECA swap event. The time frame for the event is 8 AM till 2 PM. Don K7SDF asked who would put this on the club web site to let people know about this big swap. Frank W8FKZ said he would make sure that this announcement goes up on the site.

Bill N8SA further mentioned that the club breakfast are back on and the web site needs to be changed. Frank W8FKZ said this is already done on the main page of the site.

#### **VIII. Presentation**

Bill handed off the meeting to Jay WB8SBI for a presentation on the Oscar 5 satellite development. Jay shared a professionally produced video in which the historical perspective was revealed by three Australians who were directly involved with the development of this satellite. Jay also mentioned that was able to meet the three men at the 2019 AMSAT meeting.

#### **IX. Final Business**

Kurt W8UV stated that he has setup a MeWe page for another club that is a lot like FaceBook without all the extra unwanted stuff that is brought in. Kurt mentioned that there is a GMARC page on the MeWe site that he will allow everyone to join for social media stuff. The group is not private so everyone can see what is posted on to it.

Marty KB8JIU asked if the MeWe is link-able to the main GMARC web site. Kurt said that it can be and he would appreciate it if you join before you add a link to it.

Marty asked about raffle tickets. It was mentioned that the State of Michigan representative has the raffle application in hand and expecting to issue a license soon. Bill N8SA also mentioned that Bobby N8CY has a new laser printer to make new tickets which he will do soon.

#### **X. Meeting Adjourned**

Motion to approve the unread February meeting minutes was made by Richard KC8HMJ and

Jay WB8SBI seconded it. All voted to approve the motion.

A motion to approve the Treasurers report was made by Jay WB8SBI and seconded to Ron WD8MNX. All voted to approve the motion.

A motion to adjourn the club meeting was made by Ron WD8MNX and seconded by Jay WB8SBI. All voted to approve the motion to finish the meeting.

Meeting ended at 8:35 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Marty Temple KB8JIU, Secretary  
GM Amateur Radio Club