

CENTRAL MICHIGAN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES

May 4, 2019

Board Members Present: Dan Beuchert (WX8MOJ), Michael Boensch (W8MKB),
Don McLain (KB8RAD), Gregg Mulder (WB8LZG),
Shannon Ranes (WA2NVK), Gordy Smith (KE8JKS),
Board Members Absent: Carl Canfield (K8YHH) - vacation
Guests: Chris Ranes (NS8Q), Bill Thompson (KE8KFA)

President, Michael, called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm.

Club Directory - Gregg - Sent to printer.

HamFest - Michael figured out a possible layout. Price was also figured out. Need to figure out logistics. Gordy said if people want electric power, we need to provide our own extension cords or the vendors need to provide their own cords and equipment. Ok to use the wifi and power at the Conference Center. 6 foot tables. If run out of room, can run into the hallway. When vendors sign up, have them request power. ARRL approved us to use their logo. Chris Ranes is working on the flier and asked about "big" vendors. We need permission from some vendors to use their logo on fliers and advertising. ie. Yaesu. ***Motion by Dan to approve additional funding to the Okemos Conference Center for a total of \$625 including service fee and tax, second by Don, approved by all, motion carried.***

Field Day - Dan passed out letter Jim Hannahs sending out. Discussion regarding donations and how they are obtained. A preliminary Field Day Meeting will be next Saturday, May 11, 2019. Then HamFest Meeting after that.

Building clean up day - Yard work (rake, bag leaves, trim). Saturday, May 18th.

Club Photographer/PIO - Don asked about being at events or others taking photos.

Ladies Night - Only about 18 people RSVP'd so far.

Soldering Class - Gordy said it went well. Everyone finished their project that day and took it home.

Antenna Class - Gordy - Would like to do a class. Has the copper pipe. Maybe a j-pole. Wants to purchase a good antenna meter. Wants to do a class on antenna meters for the next level. Discussion about what would be a good class for “common” versus an in-depth/intensive.

Michigan QSO party - Gregg - April 20th - 3 people attended and operated 6 hours. 100 QSO's were made. First contact was with W8SH and last contact was with W8SH. Gregg had a few comments for us. Nova Scotia was the DX contact for the day.

New Antenna - Two day project: 1st day inventory/assemble/tune, 2nd day install. We will pay for lift truck and Dave Vick (W8ZZX) will drive it. The old antenna held through Winter.

Club/Building Contact - Dan B. is officially the contact with Kevin now. He has been informed about the May 11th VE Testing in afternoon. Mentioned May 18th clean up day and our intentions, but has not heard back from Kevin. Justin has Dan's contact info. Gordy let Clyde know Dan is now the contact.

Skywarn - Dan said it was held Saturday, April 13th. About 90 registered. No one left a card and no cards goofed. They had moved 150 chairs in there (had been told only 100 chairs).

Technician Class - This morning was the last class with follow up and VE testing next week.

PayPal - Dan is checking on this option for dues and donations.

CMARC Membership - Two more since the last meeting. Down about 20 from last year. About 20 less, but slowly whittling that away. Discussion.

-How can we bolster CMARC? Can't beat it out of them, can't guilt them into paying.

-Interesting meetings, activities, free food, “open radio” night, “bring a friend” night, invite people.

-Some non-hams purchased items from Jim Harvey's estate, in anticipation of obtaining a license.

-Patience. Can't make people do something.

-Need to be a “doing and teaching” club. If we have enough members, maybe have a training budget or something like that. (ie. buy people a soldering kit)

-If we can get them to activities like Field Day, and keep them excited about the hobby.

-New people are on the air. They think the club is great.

LCDRA - Michael is now Treasurer in addition to Membership Chair. Shannon asked about how many members - 26. Last year about 45.

Supplies for the building - ***Motion by Don to purchase some basic supplies, second by Gregg, approved, motion passed.*** Dan purchasing soap and fix paper towel dispenser. Not low on toilet paper and paper towels. Commercial toilet paper and other supplies in here.

MOTION: *With no further business to discuss, Don McLain (KB8RAD) moved that we adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dan Beuchert (WX8MOJ), approved, and the motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Ranes (WA2NVK)
CMARC Secretary

Treasurer's Report 2019

Daniel Beuchert / WX8MOJ - CMARC Treasurer

June 2019

<u>Beginning Business Checking Account Balance</u>	\$2,971.52
Total Monthly Income	\$424.97
Total Monthly Expenditures	(\$1,038.97)
Total Business Checking	\$2,357.52
Petty Cash	\$1.00
Outstanding Checks	\$0.00
Subtotal + Petty Cash	\$2,358.52
<u>Primary Share Accounts</u>	
Humphreys Fund	\$383.95
Building Fund (Club Station)	\$19.09
Field Day	\$178.65
Total Net Worth	\$2,940.21
Youth Fund Balance*	\$254.54

* Separate from CMARC Funds

June 2019 Summary:

\$389.97 was spent to purchase band pass filters for Field Day, \$625 was sent to Okemos Conference Center to officially reserve the Hamfest location, and \$24 worth of canopy stakes were purchased. We took in \$35 from a Hamfest reservation, and transferred \$389.97 from the Field Day fund to Business Checking, as approved by the Board (so this does not add to our total assets, though it does nullify the expenditure from Business Checking for the band pass filters purchased for Field Day).

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June 8, 2019

Current Board Members Present: Dan Beuchert (WX8MOJ), Michael Boensch (W8MKB),
Carl Canfield (K8YHH), Don McLain (KB8RAD),
Gregg Mulder (WB8LZG), Shannon Ranes (WA2NVK),
Gordy Smith (KE8JKS)

Current Board Members Absent:

Guests: Chris Ranes (NS8Q), Bill Thompson (KE8KFA),
Tom Rocheleau (W8WPI)

The meeting began at 6:45 pm.

FIELD DAY

~Dan Beuchert mentioned MSUARC will allow us to borrow some band pass filters for Field Day. The Board had already ok'd the purchase of three band pass filters, so Dan is purchasing them this week.

~John Hosford/Dave Vick - SSB

~Randy Williams / Michael Boensch - Digital

~Gregg Mulder and gang - cw

~John Tyree - 6 meter

~Brian Wellwood willing to be GOTA chair or help out. Dan will contact Clyde and Gordy as well. **Gordy arrived to the meeting and said he is willing to do whatever. He can pick up Clyde since he is in Jackson. Dan reminded everyone that the person who chairs GOTA needs to be there from beginning to end. Gordy would like to wander. He will talk with Clyde. Gordy would like a seasoned HF operator next to him.

~Looking at putting stations together so if not operating can hang out and check out other stations. Maybe more interaction between operators.

~Looking at another meeting for station heads so everyone knows what is going on. Also know where everyone is parking.

~Carl mentioned public may be more interested in voice and digital, so keep those close and accessible.

~Michael mentioned even though stations close together, antennas don't need to be.

~Gordy mentioned he has some industrial cords and extension cords he will bring.

~Dan is working on letter for Ed Hude to let City Council know. Points for City Council stopping in, as well as other officials.

~John Winn is Safety Officer.

~Jeff Goeke-Smith and Dennis Boone planning to do a Network Field Test this weekend.

~Gordy is planning to donate to the Field Day fund.

~Discussion about mesh net.

~Clint Hannahs offered "The Beast" antenna. Dan will send a notice to the Field Day Chairs and let them know it is available for use.

~Gordy has offered his antenna that he purchased for last year's Field Day.

~Michael has rope lighting he will bring.

~Dan asked for permission to purchase stakes for Field Day.

Motion by Gordy to purchase as many the tent stakes as we need, seconded by Don, approved by all, motion passed.

HAMFEST

- ~HamFest flier looks great! Thank you, Chris Ranes!
- ~Don McLain mentioned to Tom Rocheleau that the Field Day VE session will be at 1:00pm.
- ~Gordy asked if the money has been paid to the Conference Center to secure HamFest. Michael and Dan mentioned we need the revised contract so the Board can ok it and Dan can write the check.
- ~Gregg asked about having a CMARC club table to get rid of excess equipment. He is willing to staff the table.
- ~At CMARC meeting we will ask if people are interested in donating prizes or know a vendor who might be interested in coming.
- ~Gordy worked out with Bill (at hotel) originally about NO TRUNK SALES.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- ~Dan Beuchert is the June CMARC Meeting Presenter/Speaker.
- ~Dan Dembinski has someone for DMR. Don mentioned "Mikey and Jeff".

MISC.

- ~Gregg has the CMARC Club Directory proof and passed it around for everyone to see.
- ~Gordy mentioned at the 5/18/19 work day, we cut bushes, removed railroad ties, pulled out grapevine (with Tim Clay's truck), John Doornhaag mowed, etc. Would like to do another work day. Possibly in the Fall, after the busy Summer.
- ~If plan to do something at the club building, need to make sure it is ok with Kevin (building owner). The Board also needs to know if something is going to happen at the building. Maybe 3 days notice to the Board so we can contact the building owner (Kevin) and/or Justin (coordinator of CPL classes). **Mention at the CMARC meeting.
- ~Shannon asked Michael if he had been contacted by the boy scouts. Don forwarded Michael the email. They will let them know the new date.
- ~Gordy had soldering class. Would like to do another one. Indoor weather class. Need more power strips in here. Preferably coming from the ceiling. Don't need surge protector on them, just power strip. Would like to do a spectrum analyzer class later this year. (General and Extra level.) ***Don moved we purchase power strips.*** Dan asked that Gordy look into the price or power strips and what available before we actually consider purchasing.
- ~Comments regarding Ladies night.

MOTION: *With no further business to discuss, Don McLain (KC8RAD) moved that we adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gregg Mulder (WB8LZG), approved, and the motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Ranes (WA2NVK)
CMARC Secretary

CENTRAL MICHIGAN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

MEETING MINUTES

June 14, 2019

Attendance

Board Members Present: Dan Beuchert (WX8MOJ), Michael Boensch (W8MKB),
Carl Canfield (K8YHH), Don McLain (KB8RAD),
Gregg Mulder (WB8LZG), Shannon Ranes (WA2NVK),
Gordy Smith (KE8JKS)

Board Members Absent: 0

General Members: 26

Visitors: 2

Call to Order

- The meeting began at 7:09 pm.
- Tom Rocheleau (W8WPI) held the Flag for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sign-in Sheets

- Please make sure to sign the sign-in sheets circulating around the room at each meeting. One sheet for members and another for visitors. We use these sheets to keep track of how many people visit us each month.

Cards and Flowers Report:

- Bill Cote (WD8NYW) - Get well card
- Ron Harger (WD8BCS) - Sympathy card. Passing of father-in-law
- Clint Hannahs' (KC8EHR) father / Jim Hannah's (KC8QWH) brother passed (Gene)
- Moment of silence

New Members / Visitors

- Anna May and Elijah - Jolyon Vincent's (KD8HZY) children

Treasurer's Report

MOTION: *Dave Vick (W8ZZX) moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as published on the CMARC website, seconded by Don McLain (KB8RAD), approved, and the motion carried.*

Secretary's Report

MOTION: *Ben Barker (WD8OVL) moved to accept the Secretary's Report as published on the CMARC website, seconded by Dave Vick (W8ZZX), approved, and the motion carried.*

Interesting DX or Other Contacts

- Dave Vick (W8ZZX) - Couple contacts Ireland. Brought
- John Winn (KE8CYC) - got "worked all states"
- Gregg Mulder (Wb8LZG) - worked Alaska on 10 watts. Field Day style from North Dakota.
- Justin Macauley (WD8EHT) - Europe on 10 meters
- Ed Ozer (W8EO) - W8SH is active

Old Business

- Did you fill out your questionnaire? Blank copies are available tonight. Dawn Beuchert compiling info from questionnaires on committee lists.
- Club Directory - Gregg Mulder has them available tonight.
- Spring Cleaning Day - Gordy Smith - Commended John Doornhaag who came early and mowed, trimmed, etc. Yard clean up, bushes trimmed and pulled.
- Field Day - Discuss after the Break
- HamFest - Flier finalized and will have at Field Day to hand out, plus email out. Working on table details. Will send out email after holiday with details.
- Ladies Night - 5/10 - Congrats Tom Rocheleau as 2018 Ziegenbein Award winner.

New Business

- Field Day - next weekend, June 22-23, 2019.
- Fall Clean up day - Gordy Smith. Paint window sills and bare wood and rot. Replace wood. Jolyon has four or five rollers and a paint stick and can donate a can of paint. If we can get the wood, Dave Vick will bring in saw horses.
- HamFest - September 7, 2019 at Okemos Conference Center. Dan Dembinski (not at meeting due to son's wedding) is taking table orders for vendors. He also has door prizes.
- Jolyon has a couple analog tv's to donate. Gordy mentioned they would only work for slow scan TV and explained which tv type would be best to use. Consensus of members we don't need.
- John Doornhaag (KD8NNQ) and team put pneumatic tires on "coffin" last week.
- Gregg brought in cw keys for us to look at.
- The back table is full of misc. parts and pieces that people can take.
- ARRL is looking for a Public Information Officer. The former one passed away and Ed Hude (WA8QJE) has been helping out.
- Ed Ozer (W8EO) thanked the VEC for testing each of the new MSU licensees. The repeater on 442.49 is very quiet and there is nothing worse than a quiet repeater. Al Wright (KE8DR) is also usually around to say "hello". PL is 77 Hz.
- Justin McAuley - On 146.700, cannot hear the autopatch. The person he was calling could not hear him.
- Ed Ozer - UofM beat MSU in the MI QSO party. QST magazine had an article that mentioned the trophy Gregg Mulder built.
- Dan Beuchert - At last Board meeting, approved the purchase of 20m, 40m, and 80m filters for Field Day. Also borrowing from MSU. May help when cw on a band, voice on a band, and digital on a band. This also opens up the option to use two radios simultaneously on two antennas here at the club.
- Justin McAuley brought a couple DIY items for members to view.

Adjournment

MOTION: *With no further business to discuss, Brian Wellwood (KD8ONC) moved that we adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bob Crawford (K8ZAP), approved, and the motion carried.*

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Tonight's Presentation

- Dan Beuchert - Field Day - June 22-23, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Ranes (WA2NVK)
CMARC Secretary