

CMARC Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2017

1) Call to Order:

- a) Club Vice President Russ Fitzgerald (N8FZ) called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm
- b) John Doornhaag (KD8NNQ) held the Flag for the Pledge of Allegiance.
- c) All Board Members present except for Ted (WA8MFQ) and Sam (N8FPR).

2) Attendance: There were 27 Members and 1 Visitor (Ken McGuire KC8LTL).

3) Cards and Flowers Report:

- a) Card was sent to Matthew Taylor (KD8JIA)

4) Acceptance of Secretary's and Treasurer's Report:

- a) Secretary's Report:
 - i) John Winn (KE8CYC) made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report as published on the CMARC website, Ben Barker (WD8OVL) seconded the motion, and the motion passes.
- b) Treasurer's Report:
 - i) Bob Crawford (K8ZAP) made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as published on the CMARC website, John Winn (KE8CYC) seconded the motion, the motion passes.

5) DX Contacts:

- a) John Hosford (KC8QZB) worked Costa Rica and the Azores from Sleepy Hollow State Park with his 31-foot vertical.
- b) Dennis (NS8H) - Lithuania, and Cocos Reefs Island DXpedition
- c) Steve Lyon (W8RQS) - Worked a 2m repeater in New York

6) Great Lakes HamCon:

- a) Clyde (K8CPT) came in second for the Michigan State Parks on the Air. He won a \$250 prize from MFJ and received his award during the HamCon event.
- b) Ed Hude (WA8QJE) gave a short recap of the HamCon event. On the positive side, it was a good turnout with about 1,200 people showing up the first day. However many of the out-of-state vendors who organizers thought would show up, ended up not coming because of an issue with the sales tax. They hope to have the issues taken care of by next years event. The forums were very well attended. The flea market had approximately 50 vendors located within the infield of the track. The biggest complaint that Ed heard was concerning a lack of signage around the facility as well as the fact of there being just one or two ladies restrooms.
- c) No matter what we talk about, there is always someone who spoils things for everyone else. HamCon is no different. Someone drove their 4x4 onto the track and made it one time around before exiting. The owners of the track were not pleased and hopefully the organizers can smooth things over so they can continue to use the track next year.

7) Tower update:

- a) The final concrete has been poured, including the base for the small 30-foot tower, the base for the 4x4 to support the long end of our dipole, as well as the guy rod anchor bases.

8) Upcoming Events:

- a) Boy Scout Camporee
 - i) Russ (N8FZ) mentioned multiple Boy Scout Troops are coming together for a large Camporee event in Eaton Rapids. The Camporee will take place on Saturday, October 21 from 4-7 pm and will coincide with the annual ARRL Jamboree on the Air. Russ needs a couple of volunteers to set up a small ham radio station covering HF and 2m in hopes that will encourage young people to become interested in Ham Radio.
- b) Multiple High School Band Competition Event:
 - i) Because of the excellent job we did in previous years, the organizers of this event are once again requesting us to provide communications. The event begins at 11:30 AM on Saturday, October 14 and is located at the Dewitt High School. Russ (N8FZ) is requesting four or five people who are interested in helping out. We will use 146.43 Mhz simplex for the event.
 - ii) This is a fundraiser for the Dewitt Band and each year they receive a sizable donation.

9) Free Copies of QST:

- a) See Russ (N8FZ) if you are not an ARRL member and would like issues of the QST magazine. He has duplicate copies and is giving them away.

10) License Plate Project:

- a) Russ (N8FZ) is still working on the project and continues to accept plates if you would like to donate them.

11) CMARC Forum:

- a) Clyde (K8CPT) began an online forum for CMARC members to use. The idea is to provide an alternative to Facebook for those who are concerned about privacy and other issues and end up cancelling their accounts. Sign-up is easy - just use your call sign as your user name, and if you do not have one, use your name instead. A link has been provided on the CMARC website, or you can go directly to <https://cmarc.freeforums.net>.

12) Licensing Class:

- a) The Technician Class which we had originally scheduled to begin in September has been postponed until January. The exact start date has yet to be determined, but will run for several Saturdays, with each class lasting a couple of hours. At the end of the class a special VE session will be held to make it easier for students to pass their tests. The Board is looking at several options for ways to advertise the classes in order to increase participation.

13) Wednesday Night Traders Net:

- a) Clyde (K8CPT) is asking for someone to take the last Wednesday night of each month.

14) Nominations:

- a) We are looking for people who are willing to serve on the Board.
- b) Positions are a 2-year term, except for the Under 22 Director position which is a 1-year term.
- c) If you want to nominate someone but they are unable to making the November meeting, be sure to talk with them first and make sure they agree.
- d) Meetings are generally held the Saturday before the regular club meeting at 5:30 pm in Mason. Meetings are held to the public as usual, so you are welcome to come see what a Board meeting is like if you are at all curious.

15) Call Sign Renewals:

- a) See minutes from the Special Board meeting.

16) Ladies Night Luncheon:

- a) All Ladies are invited to a luncheon at Cracker Barrel on West Saginaw Hwy on Saturday, October 21st at noon.

17) 501(c)3 Update:

- a) Final paperwork has been sent in and the money has been pulled from our account.

18) 50/50 Raffle:

- a) Al Wright (KE8DR) won \$27 and he donated \$13.50 back to the club. Thanks Al.

19) Membership Dues:

- a) This month we began taking dues for 2018. The price remains the same as last year. You can find membership forms in the back of the Scope, by visiting the CMARC website, or by asking our Treasurer John Doornhaag (KD8NNQ) at an upcoming meeting.

20) Adjournment:

- a) Judy Crawford (K8JKC) made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Bob Crawford (K8ZAP) seconded the motion, and the motion passes. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Ranes (NS8Q)

CMARC Secretary