

CENTRAL MICHIGAN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

MEETING MINUTES

March 9, 2018

Attendance

Board Members Present: Clyde Tompkins (K8CPT), Judy Crawford (K8JKC), Dan Beuchert (WX8MOJ), Chris Ranes (NS8Q), Shawn Crawford (WA8MXJ), Tom Rocheleau (WA8WPI), Dennis Shubitowski (NS8H)

Board Members Absent: None

General Members: 31 Members

Visitors: 7 Visitors (Jake Longanbach K8JML, Gary Williams WA8CLS, Dave Vick KE8IWW, Cheryl Davage KD8QFE, Clint Hannahs KC8EHR, Jim Geyer, Eric Woodard KE0IGK)

Call to Order

- Clyde (K8CPT) called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
- Dan (WX8MOJ) 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. There is one sheet for members and another for visitors. We use these sheets to keep track of how many people visit us each month.

Presentation by Jim Geyer

Break

Cards and Flowers Report

- We received a letter thanking us for our donation to the Ingham County Animal Shelter.
- We received a letter thanking us for our donation to St. Jude Children's Hospital.
- A get well card was sent to Ann Berger, the wife of Bob Berger (K8RDN).
- A get well card was sent to John Hosford (KC8QZB) following his brief hospital stay.
- A sympathy card was sent to Jane Hosford (KC8FSK) on the loss of her father Allen.
- A get well card was sent to Joe Urdzella (K8JJU) following his shoulder surgery.

Treasurer's Report

MOTION: *Kenny (K8NNY) moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Ben Barker (WD8OVL), approved, and the motion carried.*

- Remember to pay your dues for 2018. See our Treasurer, Dan Beuchert (WX8MOJ) if you need a membership form and to pay with check or cash.

Secretary's Report

MOTION: *Jerry Waite (KD8GLN) moved to accept the Secretary's Report, seconded by John Doornhaag (KD8NNQ), approved, and the motion carried.*

New Licenses and Upgrades:

- KE8 passed his Technician and will get his General tomorrow

Interesting DX or other Contacts

- Dennis (NS8H) worked someone on a cruise ship in the Caribbean, a sail board, and a guy working on a tanker ship.

State Parks on the Air

- Mspota.org for more information
- Two-thirds of the parks in Michigan are or have been activated.

Old Business

- Status of the our 501(c)3 application
 - All paperwork has been turned in except for the financials for the last four years.
 - Dan Beuchert has been working diligently to categorize all of our expenses into the IRS categories.
 - All of our assets have been logged as part of our requirements. The list will be addressed each year to make any necessary updates.
- Tri-bander and the OCF have been installed.
 - A solution to fixing the slanted element is in the works.
 - Thanks to Tom (WA8WPI) for spending three hours on the tower to make this happen.
- Licensing Class
 - There are two more class sessions with a VE session to follow the last session. The students have had great success and we hope they will walk out with their Technician license at the end.
- Soldering Class
 - The first class that begins tomorrow has been filled to capacity. Due to high demand, a second class is being planned for sometime in the near future.
- Possible CW Class
 - Tom Rocheleau (WA8WPI) is thinking about starting a beginning CW class, depending on interest.
 - He is thinking of a mid to late April timeframe. Stay tuned for more information.

New Business

- Ziegenbein Award nominations are due by 3/15/18 and should be sent to Dan Beuchert (WX8MOJ), the Senior Committee Member. All the rules and requirements have been published in the Scope and will be on the website as well.
- Zach Lambright has setup a dedicated computer to live-stream the 145.39 repeater on the CMARC website. Thanks Zach for your willingness to do this for us.

- Fundraising Ideas
 - Kenny (K8NNY) brought up the idea of partnering with Potter Park Zoo for a “Zoo On The Air” type operation.
 - An Auction type event with your entrance fee to be a piece of ham radio equipment.
 - If your piece of equipment does not sell, you will be required to take it home with you, so it does not accumulate in the building.
- Michigan QSO Party
 - Flyer has all the information.
- Hamfest Food
 - Judy (K8JKC) has successfully passed her SafeServ food license exam. We are now covered to serve hot prepared food at all of our events. The Board has agreed to reimburse her for any expenses incurred to take the exam.
- Any other new business
 - Marc Lovegrove is donating two HF rigs with the requirement that they be used for someone who does not have money to buy their own equipment. We need to put together a power supply and an antenna to make a complete station.

50/50 Raffle

- Marc Lovegrove won \$25.00

Weekly Nets

- Wednesday Night Traders Net at 8pm on the 145.39 Repeater
- Michigan VHF Traffic Net on the IRA Link System
- Thursday HF Net at 9pm on 28.495.
- Tuesday Night QCWA Net on 146.700.

Adjournment:

MOTION: *With no further business to discuss, Bob Crawford (K8ZAP) moved that we adjourn the meeting, seconded by Michael Boensch (W8MKB), approved, and the motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned and at 9:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Ranes

Chris Ranes (NS8Q)
CMARC Secretary