

Treasurer's Report 2018

Daniel Beuchert / WX8MOJ - CMARC Treasurer

July 2018

<u>Beginning Business Checking Account Balance</u>	\$2,889.55
Total Monthly Income	\$1,449.23
Total Monthly Expenditures	(\$549.19)
Total Business Checking	\$3,789.59
Petty Cash	\$1.00
Outstanding Checks	(\$125.00)
Sub Total + Petty Cash	\$3,665.59
<u>Primary Share Accounts</u>	
Humphreys Fund	\$383.62
Building Fund (Club Station)	\$19.09
Field Day	\$528.19
Total Net Worth	\$4,596.49
Youth Fund Balance*	\$254.32

* Separate from CMARC Funds

CENTRAL MICHIGAN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES

July 7, 2018

Attendance

Current Board Members Present: Clyde Tompkins (K8CPT), Judy Crawford (K8JKC), Dan Beuchert (WX8MOJ), Shawn Crawford (WA8MXJ), Michael Boensch (W8MKB), Tom Rocheleau (WA8WPI)

Current Board Members Absent: Chris Ranes (NS8Q)

Guests: John Doornhaag (KD8NNQ)

Field Day Recap:

- There were over 30 visitors to Field Day
- There were 41 contacts for GOTA -- 11 GOTA operators
- SSB had about 200 contacts, CW over 500
- Some ideas for future Field Days:
 - More scoping out the setup beforehand
 - Pre plan who sets up where, parking, entrances and our perimeter more clearly marked
 - There was talk about establishing a Field Day committee for the continuous planning for Field Day including members from CMARC and the Lansing / Ingham ARPSC

Barn Raising - Radio Style (Idea from Russ N8FZ):

- Help out a new ham to build their station
- This could be beneficial, but depends on the execution
- We have elmers in the group, but we wouldn't want people to get burned out
- There was discussion about offering classes that help people learn what they need to for raising a tower
- Russ was given the blessing to pitch a committee to look for interest among club members

Food at Hamfest:

- Donations have been offered, but because of the licensing, food needs to be prepared by Judy
 - Raw products can be donated, but the food must be prepared by Judy
- Will be ordering the meats and other food items to have ready to prepare beforehand
- There will be no nuts in the food prepared for hamfest

General Hamfest:

- UBitX coming in for grand prize -- other prizes are coming in too
- A separate meeting will be organized 1 or 2 weeks before to plan operations
- There was discussion about if the hamfest grows to explore moving to the Summit (West Lansing)
 - Tables and chairs - would we provide them, or does the Summit have some available?
Would there be electricity costs?

- Costs for tables and/or electricity could be added to vendor tickets
 - This location would be dependent on 501c3
 - Further conversation will be had as an information gathering exercise
- DX Engineering isn't interested with the MI taxation law (their lawyers consider this a gray area)
- RF adaptor guy & Tennadyne will be there
- Prize / welcome table will be moved under awning in front of the church
- Dan will make contact with Ed Hude to see if there is an update on an ARRL representative attending the hamfest
- We need a replacement drum for tickets

MOTION: *Dan moved that we order a drum at \$50 or less for use at Hamfest/etc, seconded by Shawn, approved, and the motion carried.*

Lending CMARC Items:

- If things were to be rented out, we would need a damage deposit and a contract
- There was discussion about needing to get a liability waiver written up before anything is loaned out
- There was discussion about limiting the amount of items that CMARC loans. Further discussion is needed on this topic.

Printer for the Club Room:

- There has been discussion about having a printer for use at the club room location during contests, meetings, etc. The idea is not for a high volume printer (like what the club already has).
- John Hosford had one that was donated (all in one with USB laser)
- The idea would be to use it in the club room, as needed
- There are other printers we are looking at to compare with the the one we've been offered

Lock Box for the Club Keys:

- More research needs to be done before progressing

Conference Call System:

- There has been talk about different options for when Board members need to be absent for meetings
- Any systems above the quality of Skype or calling in via phone would cost a significant amount of money. Skype / traditional phone conference calls should be used when a member needs to miss a meeting but needs input.

The Use of Money Donated to CMARC:

- There has been discussion about money donated by members of CMARC for specific tasks. Looking toward a 501c3 status that we're hoping for, and also with our bylaws, money donated to the club cannot be earmarked. There was discussion about how to best reaffirm this need, especially looking forward to 501c3 status.
- There was talk to get this into the SCOPE newsletter
- There was further talk of making note of other changes that will happen at CMARC after prospectively gaining 501c3 status.

Proposed Changes to Life Membership:

- There has been discussion for allowing a member to be considered for life membership after large contributions to the club, with the deliberation of the Board
- Discussion has been tabled until next meeting with the thought that any changes should be reflected in the bylaws.

Needed Updates to the Bylaws:

- There is no specific text guiding the replacement of directors on the Board. Board of Directors may fill officers - need to fill directors. This has been noted as something to add to the Bylaws

Cards and Flowers Report:

- John Imeson's mom passed away last night (July 6, 2018)

APRS Test:

- A trial run will be held in August to evaluate the reception of APRS packets at the CMARC club room location
- There was discussion about using a J-pole vs a stacked $\frac{5}{8}$ wave antenna for the test as well as discussion of whether to run a test with the current 2m/70cm antenna and another where the APRS antenna would be installed to get more data

Adjournment:

MOTION: *With no further business to discuss, Michael moved that we adjourn the meeting, seconded by Clyde, approved, and the motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Beuchert (WX8MOJ)
CMARC Treasurer

CENTRAL MICHIGAN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

MEETING MINUTES

July 13, 2018

Attendance

Board Members Present: Clyde Tompkins (K8CPT), Judy Crawford (K8JKC), Dan Beuchert (WX8MOJ), Chris Ranes (NS8Q), Shawn Crawford (WA8MXJ), Tom Rocheleau (WA8WPI), Michael Boensch (W8MKB)

Board Members Absent: None

General Members: 33 Members

Visitors: 5 Visitors (Diane Clay, Angel Suco and his friend Samuel, Duane Brown (KD8MRB), and Cheryl Davage (KD8QFE))

Call to Order

- Clyde (K8CPT) called the meeting to order at 7:08 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.

New Members / Visitors

- Diane Clay
- Angel Suco and Samuel
- Duane Brown (KD8MRB) - Visitor
- Jeff Flint (N4ZKS) - Visitor
- Cheryl Davage (KD8QFE) - Visitor
- Bill Thompson KE8KFA - New Member

Cards and Flowers Report

- Dan Dembinski (KD8YDE) was in a serious auto accident but will be ok.
- John Imeson N8JI's mother passed away recently.

Treasurer's Report

MOTION: *Don (KB8RAD) moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as published on the CMARC website, seconded by Kenny (K8NNY), approved, and the motion carried.*

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

Secretary's Report

MOTION: *John (KD8NNQ) moved to accept the Secretary's Report as published on the CMARC website, seconded by Leota (KD8SQD), approved, and the motion carried.*

New Licenses and Upgrades

- Bill Thompson (KE8KFA) passed this Technician at Field Day.
- Kelly Fitzgerald changed her callsign to N9PC.

Interesting or other Contacts

- Venezuela, Puerto Rico, and Nicaragua on 10m. Louisiana and Texas on 6m with a homemade dipole.
- Mike worked Columbus, OH on 2m Simplex with Sporadic-E Skip
- Ben (WD8OVL) worked a clean sweep on 13 Colonies

State Parks on the Air

- Mspot.org for more information
- Two-thirds of the parks in Michigan are or have been activated.
- If anyone has interest in activating a park, especially a local park like Sleepy Hollow, contact Clyde (K8CPT) for more information. This is a great idea for those who may not have a General or Extra class license.

Old Business

- Field Day - Dan (WX8MOJ)
 - Networking glitch caused problems this year. We are going to try and catch Matt Miller (KD8OOS) for next years event.
 - 11 People worked the GOTA station, including the son of the Mason Police Chief. The Police Chief showed up on Sunday as well as a member of TV 10. We were also on TV 6 and TV47. Kenny (K8NNY) will try and find a contact at the Lansing State Journal for next year.
 - Preliminary contact counts are (4) 6M, (28) Digital, (213-226) SSB, and (690) CW.
 - Dan would like to begin a committee to deal with things such as antennas, station placement, and other things that will make the organization of the event much easier.
 - There is talk of using some items from the EOC which will speed up the process of installing antennas.
 - Gregg (WB8LZG) mentioned we worked a station from Morocco this year. We typically work one or two DX stations each year.
 - Gordy (KE8JKS) had his brand new signs posted by the park entrance.
 - We will look at creating a flyer for next year's Field Day.
 - Thank you to everyone who helped with all aspects, from setup, teardown, and who came out to help operate and log at each station.

- Any other old business?
 - Bob Strobel mentioned about the event at the Clinton County 4H Fair. He has not heard any response from those interested in setting up a station to demonstrate Ham Radio to the public. The date is Thursday, August 2nd, from 11:00 or 12:00 until 4:00 pm. We are not sure where we will be located onsite.
 - Woldumar Nature Center is another same similar event. That event will be the third Sunday in September.

New Business

- APRS Test
 - We plan to test our potential APRS setup in August with a date to be determined.
 - Gordy has donated a roll of LMR-400 Coax as well as a new dedicated antenna for the test.
 - John (KD8NNQ) and Tom (WA8WPI) installed a new mast pipe and coax for the APRS test. The new height to the top of the mast is around 45-feet. We are waiting for the new antenna for Gordy the new connectors can be installed, and we should be set outside the building.
- LCDRA Membership
 - We need more people to consider joining LCDRA.
 - The new 539 repeater will be located in Okemos on the WKAR tower, but LCDRA will need to pay for electricity. The more people who can join will help pay for all of those expenses. Membership forms can be found on the CMARC website and in the Scope.
 - Bob Strobel gave LCDRA a check for approximately \$170 from his Candy Bar sales.
- General Licensing Class
 - 9-week course running from September 29 to December 1st. Classes begin at 10am each Saturday and will be held at the Mason EMS Training Facility in Mason. There will not be a class held the Saturday after Thanksgiving.
 - The class will be based on the current ARRL General Class book.
- Hamfest
 - Ed (WA8QJE) mentioned that our new Michigan Section Manager will be sent to Europe for his job and Larry Camp will be taking over for him at this year's Hamfest.
 - The time to begin loading supplies will be on Friday night at 5pm. For those who work later, you are welcome to come when you can make it. The plan is to leave the club building at 6pm and head towards the church.
 - Clyde needs all the volunteers we can get.
 - Jeremy (KD8ZZJ) is coordinating volunteers and if you have not signed up already, and wish to help out, please contact him.
- 501(c)3 Update
 - We are currently waiting
- Any other new business?
 - Sam (N8FPR) won an ARRL scholarship and will be listed in the September QST magazine.

50/50 Raffle

- Duane Brown (KD8MRB) won \$11.50

Weekly Nets

- Wednesday Night Traders Net at 8pm on the 145.39 Repeater
 - We currently have two net control stations, but could use some more.
- Michigan VHF Traffic Net on the IRA Link System
- Thursday HF Net at 9pm on 28.495.
 - Bob (KB8DQQ) is acting as net control and is perfect for those Technician operators out there. It will help if all operators are running the same polarization on their antennas, making it easier to hear each other.
- Sunday SSTV net on the 145.39 at 8pm during the Summer
 - Carl (K8YHH) is net control. For those who need help in getting started in SSTV, contact Carl.
 - For those who build sound card interfaces during our class, this is the perfect net to use them.
- Tuesday Night QCWA Net on 146.700 at 8pm
 - This net is open to everyone, and not just members of the QCWA.
- WoFAA on Echolink

Adjournment

MOTION: *With no further business to discuss, Michael (W8MKB) moved that we adjourn the meeting, seconded by Don (KB8RAD), approved, and the motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned and at 8:19 pm.

Refreshment Time

Presentation by John Imeson (N8JI) will be rescheduled

Respectfully submitted,



Chris Ranes (NS8Q)
CMARC Secretary