

Treasurer's Report – November 2020

Shannon Raney / WA2NVK – CMARC Treasurer

<u>Beginning Business Checking Account Balance</u>	\$3,744.24
Total Monthly Income	\$240.00
Total Monthly Business Expenditures	(\$0.00)
Total Business Checking	\$3,984.24
Petty Cash	\$1.00
Outstanding Checks	(\$144.23)
Sub Total + Petty Cash	\$3,841.01

Primary Shared Accounts

Humphrey's Fund	\$384.41
Club Station	\$19.09
Building Fund	\$150.01
Field Day	\$178.89
Total Net Worth	\$4,423.40
Youth Fund Balance*	\$254.83

*Separate from CMARC Funds

Notes

Checking - Deposited \$240.00 in Dues.

Building - Deposited \$50.00 + \$0.01 interest.

A \$40 memorial check (written in January) has not cleared.

A \$40 memorial check (written in May) has not cleared.

A \$64.23 check (written in October) has not cleared.

**CENTRAL MICHIGAN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

Friday, November 7, 2020

Attendance

Board Members Present: G. Smith (KE8JKS), D. Dembinski (KD8YDE), S. Ranes (WA2NVK),
D. Vick (W8ZZX), D. McLain (KB8RAD), G. Mulder (WB8LZG),
K. Fitzgerald (K9PC)

Board Members Absent:

Visitors: C. Ranes (NS8Q)

Call to Order

- The meeting began at 7:09pm

Club Business Discussed

- VE Sessions: the Ingham County team is on hold. Secretary Vick stated he had spoken with the Lansing Center but the rental fee was too high. He had calls into the malls regarding using their food courts, but had no response. President Smith said he would speak to the staff at the Okemos Conference Center regarding a room. Secretary Vick said we should speak to John Doornhaag before making any concrete plans, since he is the VE Team Leader. Further discussion ensued.
- Paperwork: Treasurer Ranes stated that she had filed the 501(c)(3) paperwork regarding the club's non-profit status, as noted in last month's Board Meeting.
- Clubhouse: Treasurer Ranes stated she had asked Dan Beuchert if he had heard any news regarding the sale of the building. He had not, but he will touch base with Kevin to see if there is any new information.
- Nominations & Election: Secretary Vick asked if any Board members had received any further nominations for the upcoming Board of Directors Election; no one had. Nominations will be closed at the General Membership Meeting on Friday, Nov. 13. Treasurer Ranes has asked Dan Beuchert if he would serve as Election Inspector and run the upcoming election via email; he has agreed to do so. Details will be forthcoming at the upcoming meeting. In addition, Treasurer Ranes will send out an email to the club Listserv.
- Matt Taylor: Vice-President Dembinski shared that club member Matthew Taylor (KD8JIA) has changed addresses in Owosso. The club should get a card out to him.
- Tim Conroy: President Smith noted that our regular guest Tim Conroy (WB8HRO) in Okemos has a piece of equipment that needs to be soldered, and he would visit Tim and effect repairs.
- Good & Welfare Letter: Treasurer Ranes stated that she has received lots of feedback from the recent mailing, including lots of membership renewals for 2021.

- Speaker: Treasurer Ranes inquired whether we had a speaker lined up for the November General Membership Meeting. President Smith said he could demonstrate his new hot-air rework station.
- Classes: President Smith has his shop-studio set up, but is holding off on hosting any online classes until after the first of the year. He needs to write lesson plans and choreograph the video shooting.
- Sweeps: Gregg Mulder shared that he'd collected 35 contacts in 25 sections so far, during this weekend's CW Sweepstakes contest. Chris Ranes mentioned that the Phone Sweeps were coming up the weekend of November 21-23.
- Club Rendezvous Frequency: President Smith noted that he had been approached by member Carl Canfield (K8YHH) regarding a club rendezvous frequency, in case of blackout or emergency. The Board discussed existing VHF repeaters on 145.390 and 146.700, or just using the National Call Frequency in simplex mode, since it's likely that such an emergency would take the repeaters off the air. Chris Ranes commented that such discussion should include Dan Beuchert since the ARPSC would commandeer the LCDRA repeaters in case of emergency, if they are still working. Further discussion ensued.
- Gregg Mulder spoke about the possibility of changing the format of the Board Elections to have candidates run for specific offices, rather than the current practice of electing a set number of Directors and letting the Board assign specific jobs. Treasurer Ranes noted that this would require a Constitutional change. Further discussion ensued. The Board agreed to revisit the topic after the upcoming election, with an eye to making any such changes before the 2021 Officer Elections.
- Treasurer Ranes shared that Dan Beuchert has thirty copies of the CMARC Cookbook left, if anyone is interested in buying a copy. She believed they were priced at \$5 per copy. All proceeds go to help the club. A note could be put in the next issue of the Scope.
- Secretary Vick asked if there would be a Scope issue coming out this month. Chris Ranes said he had planned on getting it out the weekend of the 7th, but life got complicated.

Adjournment

- With no further business to discuss, it was Moved by Don McLain, seconded by Kelly Fitzgerald to adjourn the November Board Meeting at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Vick, W8ZZX
CMARC Secretary

CENTRAL MICHIGAN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, November 13, 2020

Attendance

Board Members Present: G. Smith (KE8JKS), D. Dembinski (KD8YDE), S. Ranes (WA2NVK), D. Vick (W8ZZX), G. Mulder (WB8LZG), D. McLain (KB8RAD), K. Fitzgerald (N9PC)

Board Members Absent: N/A

General Members: W8MKB, NS8Q, KD8NNQ, K8KUF, K8TS, AC8YF, KC8QZB, KE8NJT, WX8MOJ, KD8MWA, N8LNU, KD8VJD, KE8FXG, KB8DQQ, N8FZ, KD8ZPE, W8EO, K8YHH, WA8FHI

Visitors: Tim Conroy (WB8HRO), Tom Glomsky

Call to Order

- The meeting began at 7:05pm
- VP Dan Dembinski (KD8YDE) held the American Flag for the Pledge of Allegiance

Sign-In Sheets

- Secretary Dave Vick (W8ZZX) took attendance from the Zoom register.

Cards & Flowers Report

- Jane Hosford (KC8FSK) sent a card to Toni Benson Smith after passing of her mother. She also sent cards to Matthew Taylor, Reza Beha, Ted Sadilek, and Leon Tillitson.
- It was noted by Bob Strobel (KB8DQQ) that local ham Mike Baird (N8NBZ) passed away on Nov. 7th from COVID-19. He was not a member of the club but was active in the local ham community.

New Members & Visitors

- We were joined by Tim Conroy (WB8HRO) and Tom Glomsky.

Treasurer's Report

- Moved by Secretary Vick (W8ZZX), supported by VP Dembinski (KD8YDE) to accept the Treasurer's Report as published in the CMARC website. The motion carried.

Secretary's Report

- It was moved by Secretary Vick (W8ZZX), seconded by John Doornhaag (KD8NNQ) to accept the Secretary's Report as published in the CMARC website. The motion carried.

Interesting QSOs, QSLs, DX, & Other Contacts

- John Hosford (KC8QZB) worked QSOs in Brazil on 20m and Grand Cayman on 40m with his new end-fed wire.

- Secretary Vick (W8ZZX) received a QSL card from Puerto Rico, from a station he worked Mobile on Field Day 2020, this past June.

Deferred Business

- Nominations: Secretary Vick asked for any other Nominations for the Board of Directors, to be elected in December for a two-year term. VP Dembinski nominated John Tyree (W8JTT), who declined the nomination. Having called for additional nominations three times with no others named, nominations were declared Closed. The official nominations for the four upcoming Board vacancies are Gordy Smith, Shannon Ranes, Don McLain, and Kelly Fitzpatrick.
- Election: Voting for the Board will be conducted by email. Dan Beuchert (WX8MOJ) will head up the Election Committee, accompanied by Michael Boensch (W8MKB) and Bob Strobel (KB8DQQ). An email will be sent out to all members regarding voting in the election. The Official email address for voting is <cmarcvoting@gmail.com>. All votes must be received not later than midnight Thursday, December 10th—the night before the December club meeting.

New Business

- Treasurer Ranes (WA2NVK) shared that we had thirty copies of the old CMARC cookbook available for sale, for \$5 per copy, as a club fundraiser.
- Gregg Mulder (WB8LZG) asked if any member had participated in the recent ARRL CW Sweepstakes contest, aside from himself, Chris Ranes (NS8Q) and Ed Oxer (W8EO). It was noted that the ARRL Phone Sweepstakes would be running in two weeks, beginning on Saturday, November 21st.
- President Smith (KE8JKS) spoke about the current state of uncertainty surrounding the club building being for sale, and perhaps finding a donated building. Dan Beuchert (WX8MOJ) said he had not heard anything from the current building owner, and was hesitant to keep asking him too frequently. Dan also stated we have a lot of time and effort invested in the current building, and it'll take a lot of effort to relocate; maybe the club could reach an agreement with a new owner. John Doornhaag (KD8NNQ) stated that we don't know what the situation is, and it would be best if we gained more info before making any decisions. John also stated that we do have a contract with the building owner, giving us a 90-day notification in the event they do want us out, and any new owner has to abide by that. A potential dues increase was discussed informally via Facebook, with mostly positive points of view. Brian Vissers (KE8NJT) stated that he knows the owner, and the owner may want to know how long it would take us to vacate. Further discussion ensued. A Steering Committee (KE8JKS, WX8MOJ, KE8NJT, KD8YDE, N8FZ) was formed to evaluate the situation, get more information from our landlord, weigh any potential dues increases, and research the possibility of obtaining grants based on our 501(c)(3) status and our commitment to public service. Dan Beuchert (WX8MOJ) will liaise with the ARPSC. Russ Fitzgerald (N8FZ) stated we need to come up with a long-term strategy and some long-term goals before setting any dues increases, these strategies and goals should be considered as recruiting tools to increase our attractiveness to potential new members.

For the Good of the Order

- Ed Ozer (W8EO) spoke about the MSU Ham Club, noting the relationship between CMARC and the MSU club, and what the club is doing. He acknowledged that CMARC members had been participating in the MSU club's Thursday night UHF net, and spoke about their activities during this challenging academic year.
- * Michael Boensch (W8MKB) shared that the next LCDRA annual meeting would be in January via Zoom. LCDRA Board elections will be coming up for 2021.
- * Dan Beuchert (WZ8MOJ) noted that the next ARPSC meeting would be held via Zoom on Monday, November 16th at 7pm.

Adjournment

- With no further business to discuss, it was Moved by Secretary Vick (W8ZZX), seconded by Director McLain (KB8RAD) to adjourn the business meeting at 8:19pm and move to the Presentation for the evening.

Tonight's Presentation

- President Smith (KE8JKS) demonstrated his hot-air reworking station for soldering surface-mount components.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Vick, W8ZZX
CMARC Secretary