

Treasurer's Report – March 2021

Shannon Ranes / WA2NVK – CMARC Treasurer

<u>Beginning Business Checking Account Balance</u>	\$4,583.24
Total Monthly Income	\$80.00
Total Monthly Business Expenditures	(\$0.00)
Total Business Checking	\$4,663.24
Petty Cash	\$1.00
Outstanding Checks	(\$80.00)
Sub Total + Petty Cash	\$4,584.24

Primary Shared Accounts

Humphrey's Fund	\$384.48
Club Station	\$19.09
Building Fund	\$260.05
Field Day	\$178.93
Total Net Worth	\$5,426.79
Youth Fund Balance*	\$254.87

*Separate from CMARC Funds

Notes

Checking - Deposited \$80 Dues and Donations.

Building - \$0.01 interest.

Two \$40 memorial checks have not cleared.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, March 6, 2021

Attendance

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

Board Members Absent: None

Visitors: C. Ranes (NS8Q), J. Doornhaag (KD8NNQ), Brian Vissers (KE8NJS), Dan Beuchert (WX8MOJ), Dawn Beuchert (KD8MWA), Abby Beuchert

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by President Smith (KE8JKS) at 7:08pm.

Club Business

- **Building Committee:** Vice-President Dembinski (KD8YDE) reported on the findings of the Building Committee, with respect to possibly using a church or other public facility for meetings and storing club equipment in a trailer of some sort. The Committee also discussed our present situation with our landlord, and the ability of him to use the club's tax-exempt status as a potential write-off. The committee seeks guidance whether the Board wishes them to continue their evaluation, or has the committee fulfilled its purpose. Brian Vissers (KE8NJS) also spoke to the issue of grant-writing. Further discussion ensued with respect to the trailer, and it's potential public-relations value. Dan Beuchert (WX8MOJ) also spoke to whether the Committee had fulfilled it's purpose, and also spoke to transitioning the Building Committee or Steering Committee to other committees or subcommittees; he recommended a Trailer or Mobile Ops Committee, a Grant-Writing Committee, a Relocation Committee, a Finance Committee, and an Elmer Committee. Further Discussion ensued. Secretary Vick (W8ZZX) asked if the Grant Committee could be a subcommittee of the Finance Committee, in order to reduce redundancy and streamline the Committee's efforts.
- **Membership Dues:** Discussion ensued with respect to a dues increase. It was Moved by Secretary Vick (W8ZZX), supported by VP Dembinski (KE8JKS) to increase the Membership Dues to \$30 effective January 1, 2022. The motion carried. Dan Beuchert (WX8MOJ) spoke to more effective financing via grants and other assessments. Gregg Mulder (WB8LZG) pointed out that dues are meant to finance the day-to-day operations of the Club, and not to pay for special activities. John Doornhaag (KD8NNQ) pointed out that other clubs assess higher dues than us. Gregg Mulder (WB8LZG) pointed out that clubs can also solicit donations for needed gear. Kelly Fitzgerald (N9PC) stated we can set up an Amazon Wish List, as well. Further discussion ensued.
- **2021 Hamfest:** President Smith stated that the Conference Center still holds our deposit money from 2020 and we still have our date reserved in September. He put the question: Shall we still attempt to hold Hamfest this year? It was the general opinion of the Board to go ahead with Hamfest, until we are told that we cannot. Further discussion ensued. It was moved by Vice-President Dembinski (KD8YDE), supported by Director McLain (KB8RAD) to proceed

forthwith with planning for 2021 Hamfest and solicit volunteers for various tasks from the general membership at the next General Membership Meeting, The motion carried.

- **Ziegenbein Award:** John Doornhaag (KD8NNQ) stated that we need to solicit nominations for the 2020 Ziegenbein Award. We currently have only one nomination for this year's award, and nominations close Monday, March 15th. Various means of promoting the award were discussed.
- **Ladies Night:** Director Kelly Fitzgerald (N9PC) shared the idea of getting a food truck for the event this year. She will research the idea further. Chris Ranes (NS8Q) shared a food truck website for her to check out. Further discussion ensued regarding the date for the event.
- **SCOPE:** Treasurer Shannon Ranes (WA2NVK) asked President Smith (KE8JKS) to write up an article for the SCOPE about the Technical Net on VHF. Outline discussion ensued. He will put something together for the next issue.
- **Field Day 2021:** Dan Beuchert (WX8MOJ) spoke about the possibilities for this coming summer's Field Day exercises. We currently do not know whether the City of Mason will open Rayner Park for us to operate as in the past, and whether it would even be safe for us to congregate to do so. Discussion ensued regarding how the ARRL and county Health Department & Municipal Authorities implement safe practices for group activities. Further discussion ensued, including possibly having Field Day exercises at Vice-President Dembinski's property (although that would take us out of Ingham County), or operating independently as we did in 2020. Dan will follow up with the various volunteers and Station Chairs. There was also discussion regarding giving our supply donors from years past some advertising, although it looks likely that soliciting any donations for 2021 will be tough, in the present financial climate.
- **Club Building:** Treasurer Ranes (WA2NVK) asked if there was any new info regarding the sale of the club building. President Smith (KE8JKS) noted that Kevin is selling because the State of Michigan has changed their ambulance training criteria, making it impossible for him to use the building as a training facility any more. He spoke about the recent broken water main in the building, and that we sustained very little damage to club property and no damage to the club radio station.
- **Financial Matters:** Treasurer Ranes (WA2NVK) shared that she has set up a club PayPal account and an Amazon Smile account. Chris Ranes (NS8Q) will fill the club in on how to access the accounts for Amazon purchases, and using PayPal to pay yearly Membership Dues. She explained the PayPal fees, which Chris will also explain in his communication. President Smith (KE8JKS) thanked Brian Vissers (KE8NJS) and Scott VanWalsum (K8MTB) for their returnable can donations for the Building Fund. The net donation was \$62.40.

Adjournment

- With no further business to discuss, it was Moved by Vice-President Dembinski (KD8YDE), seconded by Director McLain (KB8RAD) to adjourn the March Board Meeting at 8:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Vick, W8ZZX
CMARC Secretary

CENTRAL MICHIGAN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, March 12, 2021

Attendance

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

Board Members Absent: None

General Members: KD8NNQ, W8TCC, W8MKB, K8TS, KD8VJD, W8QF, WD8OVL, KCØMYP, KE8FXG, KE8NJT, WX8MOJ, KD8MWA, NS8Q, KD8ZZJ, KE8MOA, KE8MIZ, KE8PAH, N8FZ, KD9PWC, KC8QZB, KB8DQQ, KE8QKN, WA8WPI, WD8PVS, N8UMK, Bill Hall

Visitors: Mike Dahlhofer (K8MRD), Tim Conroy (WB8HRO), Abby Beuchert, Nikolaj (no last name given)

Call to Order

- The meeting began at 7:01pm
- President Gordy Smith (KE8JKS) led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sign-In Sheets

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

General Announcements

- President Smith (KE8JKS) reported that the Club is going ahead with Hamfest 2021 in September, at the Okemos Conference Center. The venue is open, and we have our reserved date. The Center is currently under reduced-capacity rules, however all parties feel that by September the state of affairs will probably have changed and the occupancy rules will have opened up more, so we are going ahead with planning until told otherwise by the Authorities.
- President Smith stated that we are still collecting donated cans and bottles & receipts for the Building Fund.
- There will be a VE testing session on Saturday, March 13 at 11:00am at the West Lansing Church of Christ, 5505 W. St. Joe Hwy.
- John Doornhaag (KD8NNQ) reminded all present that nominations for the 2020 Ziegenbein Award are due and must be received by John and the Committee by Monday, March 15th.
- Dan Beuchert (WX8MOJ) announced that the next ARPSC meeting will be Monday, March 15th at 7pm on Zoom. Topic of discussion will be Skywarn, and will be recorded for people who cannot make it.

- Vice-President Dan Dembinski (KD8YDE) announced that he was looking for volunteers to help get vendors signed up for Hamfest.

New Members & Visitors

- We met Mike Smock (KD9PWC), a new member, and Nikolaj, a guest of the club who is interested in earning his Tech license.

Cards & Flowers Report

- Treasurer Shannon Ranes (WA2KVK) reported that the Club sent a card to Dale Cole (K8TS)'s wife, who was in the hospital recently.

Treasurer's Report

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

Secretary's Report

- It was moved by Secretary Vick (W8ZZX), supported by Vice-President Dembinski (KD8YDE) to accept the Minutes of all February meetings, as published in the SCOPE newsletter and on the CMARC website. The motion carried.

Interesting QSOs, QSLs, DX, & Other Contacts

- Secretary Vick (W8ZZX) showed a QSL card he had received from a Winter Field Day contact in Puerto Rico.
- Mike Wetzel (W8QF) had contacts in Spain, Italy, the Azores, the Dominican Republic, the Cayman Islands, and Brazil during the recent ARRL International DX Contest.
- Gregg Mulder (WB8LZG) scored a contact in Switzerland on 40m with 5 watts and a 75' sloper antenna.

Deferred Business

- Dan Beuchert (WX8MOJ) is emailing out the graphics and info from, the recent Building Committee Report. Members who read the email listserv should have the report elements in their In-Boxes at this time.

New Business

- Ladies Night: Russ Fitzgerald (N8FZ) reported that Kelly Fitzgerald (N9PC) had been talking to various food trucks to see what they have to offer, and we are still planning on holding the event at Dembinski's property, date TBD.
- (Treasurer Shannon Ranes (WA2NVK) shared that the Club now has a PayPal account and an Amazon Smile account for fundraising and electronic payments. Chris Ranes (NS8Q) will be publishing a guide to setting up and using these accounts.
- President Smith (KE8JKS) and Treasurer Ranes (WA2NVK) spoke of the club setting up an Amazon Wish List of items that could be donated to CMARC. The Board will be discussing the contents of the List further in the future.

- President Smith (KE8JKS) stated that the Board was creating some new committees, based on the results of the recent Steering Committee survey. We are forming a Trailer/Mobile Ops Committee, a Financial Committee, an Elmer Committee, a Relocation Committee, and a Grant Committee. We are seeking volunteers to serve on these committees. We will post a form on our social media & listserv to see who might be interested after thinking about it.
- Dan Beuchert (WX8MOJ) spoke about preparations for Field Day 2021. We are trying to get out in Rayner Park if possible, even if it's limited. If the Covid situation gets bad again, we can always work separate and combine our individual scores for a Club Aggregate, like we did in 2020. Brian Vissers (KE8NJT) commented about going to businesses that previously gave us donated food & supplies, and help them out by advertising that they are "previous sponsors" from years past without soliciting anything for this year.

For the Good of the Order

- Treasurer Raney (WA2NVK) reminded those in attendance that the Club still has several cookbooks available for purchase, at \$5 apiece.

Adjournment

- With no further business to discuss, it was Moved by Secretary Vick (W8ZZX), seconded by John Doornhaag (KD8NNQ) to adjourn the business meeting at 7:30pm and move to the Presentation for the evening.

Tonight's Presentation

- The Club welcomed Mike Dahlhofer (K8MRD) from southeast Michigan transplanted to Texas, who gave a presentation on working Parks On The Air (POTA).

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Vick, W8ZZX
CMARC Secretary