

CMARC Meeting Minutes

DATE: March 9, 2025

Meeting called to order at time 6:00 pm

Board member attendees: , V. President Kelly Fitzgerald K8FK, Secretary Gene Parker KE8QKN, Treasurer Tom Rocheleau WA8WPI, Director Russ Fitzgerald N8FZ,

Absent: President Dale Cole K8TS, Under 22 Director Mike Jackson KE8HSO, Director Dan Dembinski KD8YDE

Other virtual Board or club members attending

New Business:

- February Board Meeting Minutes approved
- January and February Treasure's Report approved
- Options for storing club meeting equipment:
 - Church said no, so there are no options at this point
 - Dale should bring this topic up for discussion at the next membership meeting
- A suggestion was made that CMARC has a second laptop for Board use as well as a backup for the primary CMARC laptop (current primary use is for Zoom meetings). NOTE: as a reminder, a donation of several laptops were given to CMARC, Kelly is working on getting them setup, with the primary hold-up being the wait time for the operating system and Office software.
- The CMARC bank account issue has been resolved after Dale and Tom had a conversation with the bank. The account is now fully in CMARC's name
- Paypal: resolving the account issue has been problematic because of how the account was originally established (many individual names associated with the account). Tom R. will take the lead in looking into cancelling the current account and creating a new account using CMARC Board information.
- A suggestion was made to setup a Venmo account, thus providing two options (Paypal and Venmo) for members making electronic payments.
- LCDRA discussions have been tabeled
- Programs for the next four months as follows:
 - March: Scott Yonally, ARRL, topic TBA via Zoom
 - April: Brian Markland, Hamvention Chair, and other DARA members with a preview of the upcoming Hamvention 2025
 - May 3rd: Family Night and Zigenbein Award Dinner
 - June: Field Day meeting and preparation

- Family Night and Zigenbein Award Dinner
 - Kelly reports very few signups to date, Russ will have a signup sheet at the next membership meeting
 - Door prizes, cake size, etc will be determined by the number of attendees that have signed up
 - Kelly needs CMARC credit card to purchase door prizes, cake, and other Family Night items
 - Raffle license application will be submitted this week
- Zigenbein Award committee has the responsibility to order the plaque a month in advance. Chaney's Custom Creations was used for last year's award plaque (contact information: makerswithskillz98@gmail.com [spelled with a "z"], 260-336-8065)
- Membership application is being updated with the new CMARC logo, as well as including new payment options
- To generate more interest in CMARC, the Board will prepare a welcome letter and information packet to hand out to new licensees as they pass their test at VE sessions. Russ has ideas for the packet.

Old Business:

- Following up on a suggestion made by February's speaker, the Board has been looking into have logoed items (coffee mugs, travel mugs, tee-shirts, etc) made up. Imprint was one company suggested, Tom has a lead with a local company that may be able to assist with these items, as well.
- Tom reported his General license class has three participants. They are meeting at the Mason Urgent Care from 9 – 11 am Saturdays.

Other Business:

- None

Movement to adjourn by Russ, seconded by Tom.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm