

CMARC Meeting Minutes

DATE: October 4, 2025

Meeting called to order at time 6:05 pm

Board member attendees: President Kelly Fitzgerald K8FK, V. President Russ Fitzgerald N8FZ, Secretary Gene Parker KE8QKN, Treasurer Tom Rocheleau WA8WPI, Under 22 Director Mike Jackson KE8HSO, Director Dan Dembinski KD8YDE, Director Gordy Smith (KE8JKS)

Other Board or club members attending: Christine Jackson, Jeff Smith

New Business:

- Next meeting, Russ Fitzgerald will present a discussion on HF, UHF, DX, etc., etiquette.
- Refilling the propane tanks for the club trailers need to be coordinated, and completed at the end of each Field Day activity.
- Kudos to Gordy Smith, who rebuilt the club's speaker box. It now has greater volume, the battery is rechargeable, has a new amplifier, a mixer and three additional microphones and bags. He color-coded the connections to make it easier to operate.
- The government shutdown has had some effect on the amateur radio hobby. There has been conflicting information from the FCC regarding their availability during the shutdown, but what is known is the FCC has disabled access to all of their databases, including the ability to apply for an FRN.

Old Business:

- Gordy Smith will facilitate the auxiliary trailer title transfer.
- Gordy Smith had a conversation with Tim Clay regarding a cover for the club's radio trailer. Tim will donate the cover, and Kelly Fitzgerald will look into getting the cover cut to fit the trailer.
- The club's officer/Zoom computers have the parts ordered, software will be ordered soon. Gordy Smith motioned, Michael Jackson seconded, to purchase software keys, motion passed. Russ Fitzgerald motioned, Gordy Smith seconded, to approve the purchase of computer bags, motion passed.

- The club's new membership/membership renewal form has been updated to include membership fees are non-refundable. A new field has been added for donations (some club members like to pay more than the minimum membership fee). The membership form can be accessed and completed on-line via the CMARC website.
- A Code of Conduct has been developed for Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club (see attached). Gordy Smith motioned, Michael Jackson seconded that the Code of Conduct be accepted as written, motion passed unanimously. This will be presented to the club members.
- A reminder that Jim Hannah's group had taken the lead to coordinate communications for the upcoming marathon, to be held October 18th.
- Elections for the 2026 Board of Directors will be held in December. A minimum of three non-board volunteers will be needed to conduct the election and tally the votes.
- The Board is also looking for non-Board volunteers to help run the Zoom meetings.

Other Business:

- Tom Rocheleau is conducting a free technician licensing class from 10 – noon Saturdays, using the "No Nonsense Technician Guide."

Movement to adjourn by Michael Jackson, seconded by Russ Fitzgerald.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm