

Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club

Secretary Report, Board of Directors, October 3rd 2026

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Meeting was called to order at 18:09

In Attendance: Russ Fitzgerald, Kelly Fitzgerald, Gordy Smith, Austin Burk, Tom Rocheleau, Gene Parker

The following topics were discussed and decided upon.

T-Shirts:

Board decided to close the ordering of CMARC t-shirts at the end of Friday's CMARC meeting, October 9th and to place order for the t-shirts Monday, October 12th for anyone who has already paid for a shirt. Initial cost (for CMARC members) \$18 (S, M, L, XL), additional \$1.50 for 2XL. Additional \$1.00 for name and callsign.

There will be a future order for t-shirts and other merchandise (to be determined) placed sometime before Field Day 2027. Likely future cost for t-shirts will be slightly higher, perhaps \$20-\$22.

Discussion on what merchandise should be sold in the future (hats, hoodies, sweatshirts, drink cups, etc.) Board will evaluate this initial t-shirt order before deciding on future orders.

MSU Amateur Radio Club sponsored a "Ham in a Day" class:

MSU ARC sponsored a "Ham in a Day" class on September 19th, taught by Dan Romanchik KB6NU. This class was open to anyone. The class was very successful, all but one student passed a license exam. Grading tests by volunteer examiners was made difficult from a campus wide power outage Saturday afternoon that interfered with the grading process, requiring manual grading instead of computer grading.

Soldering Class:

Gordy Smith discussed having another soldering class. The class will be limited to 15 participants because of the limited equipment we have on hand for the class. Participants do not have to be CMARC members. Cost for the class was discussed. Topic of what to build and when to have the class was discussed. Gordy will pursue kit options and church dates available for the class. Information will be made available once date, cost, and kit (what to build) are established.

Church Donation:

Russ Fitzgerald made a motion, seconded by Gordy Smith, to make a \$600 donation to West Lansing Church of Christ. Motion passed.

Upcoming board nominations and elections:

Four board member positions end December 31, 2026. Nominations needed for board members. Existing board members expressed we want more CMARC members to run for CMARC's board. Board member nominations will open at the beginning of CMARC general membership meeting October 9th and close at the end of CMARC general membership meeting November 13th. Voting for new board members will occur at CMARC general membership meeting December 11th.

A motion was made and adopted to close the board meeting at 20:05

Respectfully Submitted,

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Acting secretary