

CMARC Constituency Meeting: Friday, August 9, 2024

Board Members: Kelly Fitzgerald N8FK (Director), Russ Fitzgerald N8FZ (Director), Tom Rocheleau WA8WPI (President), Dale Cole K8TS (Vice President), Gordy Smith KE8JKS (Treasurer)

Present: In-person meeting canceled due to scheduling conflict with church meeting location

Zoom Participants: Allan Ostrander (KD8VJD), Don (WB8PPB), Dan Beuchert (WX8MOJ), Dawn Beuchert (KD8MWA), Brian Vissers (KE8NJT), John Hosferd (KC8QZB), Dana West (KCOMYP), Chris Ranes (NS8Q), Shannon Ranes (WA2NVK), Ben Barker (WD80VL), Gregg Mulder (W8GG), Boyd Shumaker (WA8FHI), Chad Lyke (KE8YHZ)

Meeting Convened: 7:00 pm

Tom reported that church contacted him this morning regarding meeting facility was unavailable due activities scheduled by the church. Note was placed on door for anyone that might show up in person.

Any guests? no

Any new licensed members? no

Testing – Fire station #4, September 14th at 10 am

Family Night

September 13th meeting canceled due to family night on the 14th. Dan Dembinski could use set up help for family night. Need people to continue to sign up for family night with numbers of people bringing and food bringing to share. Chicken and cake provided by club.

Cards & Flowers

No one to report. Silent Key moment.

Treasurers Report - Gordy

Report is posted on website. Paid for zoom and secure website. Problem with getting money returned from Ultimate Services National due to fraud alert on credit card. Currently in process through MSUFCU. How will Kelly be paid back for cake for family night? May I write her a check? Yes, not a problem with a receipt.

Secretary's Report

Summary of minutes from board meeting. Highlighted needs for food on family night. Ziegenbein award, need committee members to send Kelly Fitzgerald () signatures for plaque – sign name on unlined paper with sharpie, take a picture, and send to Kelly at trekiegirl2002@yahoo.com. Ziegenbein award year is for previous year it is being presented in. Date will be changed to 2023. Board decided to keep board meetings and meeting place to remain the same. They will continue to be on Saturdays at the IHOP off of I-96. Post office box discussion due to cost. Shannon Ranes has a key and will check box next week. Shannon Ranes and Chris Ranes try to check once per month. Item tabled until beginning of 2025. Utility trailer at Tom's house. Anyone can come by and look at it. CMARC merchandise will eventually be available to all members and be placed on line. HAM Fest or HAM Fair? Thinking about holding in January-February to ease cabin fever, or November. Very few events being held in other places at these times. Thinking of this event for 2026. This event takes time, planning, and promotion. Big questions:

Date? Location? Event needs to be approved by constituency and venue being chosen is crucial. Recommend a subcommittee for this event. A small trunk fest was suggested.

Field Day

Survey sent out regarding Field Day. Response has been slow, but most comments have been positive. Approximately 50 people showed up and paperwork was filed on time. We received credit for several areas of contact for a total of 500.

Dues – form is posted on website

Contacts – John Hosford contacted France at beginning of meeting on 20M band.

Secretary Position

Kenny Hazlett stepped down from secretary position due to health issues. This position needs to be filled by a licensed HAM operator. It is a voting position. Need someone to take position until December. Board may appoint someone to position. Any thoughts send to CMARCboard@gmail.com. Kenny also was acting photographer. Need to consider filling this position.

Repeater

Been moved, set up, and working well. It is located higher than before – looking at reception being improved. LCDRA – consider joining \$20 per year. Next meeting in November – where new board will be directly elected.

Improved Zoom

Anyone willing to help and look at improving zoom? Chad Lyke and Dan Beuchert said they would be willing to look at this. Need to consider a media person to set up zoom, set up microphones, and help with presenters on zoom. Chad Lyke reiterated his willingness help with continued discussion on what equipment would be needed.

Treasurer's report: Dan Beuchert 1st, Dale Cole 2nd, approved

Secretary report: John Hosford 1st, Dale Cole 2nd, approved

Mission Statement tabled for next meeting.

Adjourned: Dawn Beuchert 1st, Dan Beuchert 2nd pm; 8:17 pm