

CMARC Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:07pm

Board member attendees: Kelly Fitzgerald N8FK (Director), Russ Fitzgerald N8FZ (Director), Tom Rocheleau WA8WPI (President), Dale Cole K8TS (Vice President), Gene Parker KE8QKN (Interim Secretary). Guest: Ed Hude (WA8QJE). No virtual Board or club members attending.

Announcements/Discussions:

Field Day 2025

- Ed Hude submitted a letter to be submitted to the city of Mason regarding Field Day 2025. The city is planning on updating Raynor Park (field day location) in 2025, which may impact the park's availability for our annual Field Day activities. The letter thanks the city for their cooperation, and requests the dates for next three (3) years to be reserved for our Field Day activities. Russ will send a second thank you letter to the city of Mason for supporting our activities.
- Additional discussion ensued regarding potential alternate locations if Raynor Park is not available. The Board decided this should be conducted by the Field Day 2025 chair, in cooperation with Jim Hannahs.
- The Board will ask for volunteers to chair Field Day 2025.

Family Night/ Ziegenbein Award

- The recent CMARC Family Night was a success, having more attendees than planned.
- The Board decided to start planning for next year's Family Night and Ziegenbein Award.
- Discussion regarding separating Family Night and Ziegenbein Award. A suggestion was made to hold Family Night at a local restaurant (buffet) in the spring, and Ziegenbein Award in the fall.
- Russ suggested we partner up with the MSU Amateur Radio Club, inviting them to Family Night.

Other Business

- Dale is willing to chair a club-hosted "swap & shop" (AKA hamfest), with a suggested date in January, 2026. Dale has a plan for the event, and will present to the club at an upcoming meeting.
- Kelly reported she has a hard drive and power supply for the donated laptop, and is waiting for the operating system and software. She is working with a company that provides inexpensive software to non-profit organizations.

- Dale had a question about using Google (and perhaps other search engines) to search for CMARC. We need to ensure that CMARC has claimed and updated our Google listing. Tom will follow up on this.
- Jason Weisberger (NTOP) recently revised and updated CMARC's website. The Board voted to sent Jason a \$50.00 gift card.
- A second discussion was held concerning memberships for outstanding club members who give back to the club. As of right now, there is no specific criteria, and the by-laws need to be reviewed, possibly revised, to see if this is allowed.
- A brief discussion concerning a club historian. Tabled for later.
- We need to remind the membership that "The Scope," the clubs newsletter, is always looking for new stories/content.

Kelly proposed a motion to adjourn, Tom seconded, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm