

Middle Peninsula Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
Minutes
April 2, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Vice President Kenny (KM4KZC) with 15 members and 3 guests present. Introductions were made with name, call sign and did you participate in VA QSO event.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the March meeting had been sent out via e-mail to all members by Joy (W2JMS).

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Rob (KK4R), was not present but the March report had been received via e-mail and showed a total of \$5,280.84 in the treasury. A motion was made by Jerry (K4SKD) and seconded by Joe (K4JJS) to accept both the Secretary's Minutes and the Treasurer's Financial Report. Motion passed.

W5YL Testing:

Joy (W2JMS) reported the next test session will be May 25th and we have the room after the session. In the afternoon, a Fox Hunt is scheduled.

ARES:

The response has been good on the ARES net on Thursday nights at 8:00 pm on the 37 machine. Both Willy (K4MI) and Norbert (KM4HVL) appreciate the support. Jerry mentioned that training from ARES and FEMA is being pushed heavily.

Announcements:

Club breakfast will be April 13th at Olivia's as always.

ARES Net on Thursday nights at 8:00pm on 37 machine (145.37)

Crab Net (6 meters) Monday nights at 8:00pm (50.180)

Williamsburg YL & Friends net on Sunday nights at 8:00pm on 76 machine (146.76)

WAARC Builders Group 4/13-4/27 (alt Sat) KL0S QTH

"Old Geezers" lunch every Thursday at 10:30am at Courthouse Wendy's in Gloucester

Old Business:

New Special Event: Will be held on April 27th to coincide with Gloucester Garden Week at Water Reed's Birthplace. Should start set-up around 8:30 and end around 3:00. There will be power available to us. Dave (KN0S) will get it publicized and Willy (K4MI) will get it on the ARRL on-line calendar. Bobby (K4BC) and others who can make it will go and meet with Mr. Gillis to check out how we can set up.

Internet at repeater site: No report on this action.

Raffles: We are still looking for a Rafflemeister. Willy (K4MI) has the supplies. If anyone has excess equipment (in good condition) that they want to donate, please bring it.

Programs: Kenny (KM4KZC) is working on programs for the year. There was some discussion on the next couple of months. The next few months will be:

May - Fox Hunt Tech - Still need a presenter

May Exam Afternoon - Fox Hunt - Still need a lead

June - Repeater Etiquette - Still need a presenter

July - Field Day wrap up

July Exam Afternoon - DMR Code Plugs (this was postponed from earlier)

July Meeting: The members voted to hold the July meeting as it falls a couple of days before the holiday.

Magnetic Signs: Joy (W2JMS) obtained one from ARRL (ARES signs). We all agreed that it was too small. Keith (N4KDJ) had also done some research. He had contacted a local company, Images In Art, and they will do a set of two 12 X 24 inch signs for \$36.43 with the club logo and name and a line about mobile communications. Joe (K4JJS) made a motion to allow Keith to contact them and go ahead with an order for 30 signs at a total cost of approximately \$546. Mack (WB2PCV) seconded it and the motion passed. At this point, Joe made a comment that he would like to by a personal set and approximately 7 other members said they would like a set as well.

T-Shirts: Alan (KM4VTT) was not in attendance, but Kenny (KM4KZC) announced that he has received his order of shirts. They are on sale for \$15 each and all profit after he recoups the cost will be donated to the club. This will be approximately \$7 from each shirt. If you want one, contact Alan.

Tour de Chesapeake: Keith (N4KDJ) said we are still a go for working this event. He said he is looking for about 10 people for the day, but if you can only work a few hours, you are welcome.

New Business:

Helping Hams: We had been contacted via our Facebook page by a local ham who needed help setting up his shack and putting antennas up. Kevin Turnbeaugh (N0UIJ) is a handicapped ham who moved here and has been inactive for a couple of years. He is not physically able to do the work but wants very much to get back into the hobby. He has two radios and antennas. He lives in Saluda on 4 acres with lots of trees. He also wants to upgrade from Tech to General. Several members talked with him and plan to try to get things set up. He did join the club before leaving the meeting.

Field Day: Yes, we want to do it on 22-23 Jun. Need to check with Will (WS3G) and see if he has already reserved Abingdon Park. There will be more discussion at the next meetings.

Raffle: No raffle.

Break:

Program: Willy (K4MI) gave the program on Contesting Dos and Don'ts

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm

Attendees:

Members:

Kenny – KM4KZC	Joy - W2JMS	Bobby - K4BC	Barbara - W4TXF
Bob - KM4WYJ	Connie - KM4NPA	Dave - KK4CNF	Jason - W4JAE
Willy – K4MI	Keith -N4KDJ	Dave - KN0S	Mack - WB2PCV
Norbert - KM4HVL	Joe S - K4JJS	Jerry - K4SKD	

Guests:

Jim - KG4YAM	Kevin - N0UIJ	Sheila - No Call
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Submitted by Secretary,
Joy Safranek, W2JMS
April 29, 2019