

Middle Peninsula Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
General Meeting Minutes
August 4th, 2020

Call to Order

Club President Kenny Skirvin, KM4KZC called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with 16 members physically present, 3 attending remotely via Zoom and 1 guest. Kenny asked for introductions and asked everyone to give their best "Worst Weather Story". Members introduced themselves and provided anecdotes of all manner of extreme weather they had experienced. During the introductions, a couple of the newly licensed members in attendance commented on how promptly their license allocations were published due to Joy's hard work and quick action processing exam results.

Previous Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report

The minutes of the July meeting were previously distributed electronically via the new method of posting them to the files area of our groups.io site. There were no comments or corrections regarding the minutes, but a couple of members indicated that they could not remember their passwords to login to groups.io. Marty (WM4MW) let them know to just contact him and he would send them info on how to perform a password reset. Will (K4MI) presented the treasurer's report which was also posted to groups.io. There were no comments or corrections. Mack (WB2PCV) entered a motion that the minutes and Treasurer's Report be accepted. The motion was seconded by Jerry (K4SKD) and the motion was carried with no dissent.

ARES

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Will (K4MI) indicated that the net is seeing good participation lately. He also called everyone's attention to a couple of email posts to Groups.IO made recently by Bill (NR4C) regarding a battery / emergency power project he had been working on recently. Will suggested anyone interested in setting up emergency power for their rigs might have a look.

W5YI Testing

Joy provided a review of recent W5YI testing activities. We did great again, with 9 people arriving to test. One club member achieved his extra class license. A lady who drove down from Maryland was a general previously but allowed her license to lapse. She aced her tech test, passed the general, and aced the Extra class exam. Seven others passed the Tech exam, three of whom are present at the meeting tonight. Three of those went on to pass their general, with two successfully achieving General.

Will (WS3G) spoke to congratulate Joy on what had to have been the easiest, quickest test session ever owing to her new system of pre-registration in which the paperwork was all completed beforehand. Joy indicated that she plans to continue this practice. Kenny (KM4KZC) applauded Joy's ability to adapt to the unusual conditions present for the past few sessions due to the corona virus pandemic and the social distancing requirements it has imposed.

Old Business

Banking Changes

Will is planning to set up the appointment with the bank and coordinate with Roger so we can get him (Roger) added to the bank account.

Repeater Amp

The failed repeater is still awaiting repair.

By-laws change vote:

Hope to vote on these changes at the next club meeting (September).

New Business

Walter Reed Event –

Kenny asked for a coordinator to handle planning for the event. Will (WS3G) indicated that the Fairfield Foundation (who manages the site) is excited about the event and is interested in whatever publicity might be obtained.

Bylaws Changes for Electronic Meetings

We are working on composing by-laws changes to allow us to conduct electronic meetings in the future.

Pamphlets

The topic of pamphlets was brought up at the recent board meeting and was well received. There was some discussion of producing a pamphlet to use for field day, special events, ham fests, etc. The consensus seemed to be that putting together a pamphlet would be a good idea. Joy (W2JMS) indicated she has printed in black and white a few copies of the existing pamphlets at home to hand out at the test session. She asked the three new folks at the meeting what they thought. They indicated that they were helpful and played a part in getting them to come to the meeting tonight and to begin listening to the repeater since it contained the necessary information.

Social Media –

Kenny commented on the important role of social media in communications today. We discussed it at the recent board meeting and could see that we should make some changes. For one thing, we should have multiple admins for each of the accounts. For Facebook, Joy is currently the admin and we should have a second appointed. Joy indicated that she may want to change the basic setup of the page. It is currently a “non-profit” page and she believes she should reconfigure it as a “public group” page. To do so, will likely cause all the current stuff to be lost. The consensus seemed to be that making the change was a good idea, and that losing the existing content probably was not a problem. Some of the new members or guests contacted us (Joy) via the private message feature of the Facebook page. So, it is clearly a channel that people tend to use.

New Business from the Floor –

Kenny asked for any other new business. Someone brought up that Kevin (N0UIJ) is planning on moving out of the area and so will need assistance removing the equipment that we have helped to install. Jerry (K4SKD) suggested going up to Kevin's place following the club breakfast.

Calendar

Sep 1st – Club meeting, election monitor to volunteer/be appointed
Sep 12th -- Club Breakfast
Sep 12th – Walter Reed event
Sep 26th – W5YI test Session
Sep 30th – close of the fiscal year
Oct 6th – Club meeting, slate of officers for election
Oct. 10th – Club Breakfast
Nov. 3rd – Club Meeting
Nov. 14th Club Breakfast
Nov. 28th – W5YI Test Session
Dec. 12th – Club Breakfast
Dec. 13th – Christmas Dinner / Party

Capt. John Smith Event – Kenny will get it on the calendar.

There was discussion of the Sally Thompkins event in October. The consensus was that we should hold the event. Kenny will start a discussion in groups.io to get feedback and to start working out the details.

Intermission/Raffle

No provisions for remote money collection... so participation was limited to those physically present. Several items from the Dunville equipment were raffled, including --

- Kenwood TH-K2 2m HT w/ charger, and speaker/mic
- LDG Multi-DC Output box, 6 outputs
- Icom SM-8 Desk Mic

Presentation

Following the intermission and the raffle, Will (WS3G) gave a presentation – “Major Walter Reed, M.D., US Army Un-Masks Aedes Aegypti Mosquito” on the life of Walter Reed and his hunt for the mechanism of transmission of yellow fever. Reed challenged the widely held notion that the disease was spread through contact with clothing, linens, etc. of an infected individual. Reed conducted a series of experiments (mostly in Cuba) proving that it was spread instead by the activity of a specific species of mosquito (*Aedes aegypti*). This critical improvement in our understanding of the disease allowed us to control its spread and prevent

infections, saving many lives. Will's presentation was colorful and interesting, and his presentation was lively and entertaining as always.

Adjournment

Will (K4MI) made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Dave (KN0S) so Kenny (KM4KZC) adjourned the meeting about 8:45 PM.

Attendees

Attended In-Person

- Michael, KN4MTF
- Will, WS3G
- Will, K4MI
- Tim, K4TFJ
- David, KN0S
- Mack, WB2PCV
- Elizabeth, K5ELM
- Rich, K4TJA
- Joy, W2JMS
- Kenny, KM4KZC
- Jerry, K4SKD
- Marty, WM4MW
- Danny, KW4LQ
- Johnny, KO4FTF
- Bob, KO4FTG
- John, KO4FTL

Attended Remotely via Zoom

- Dave, KF4NC
- Derek, KA7FBI
- John, AI4QQ

Guests

- Ian, WRJA207 (GMRS)

Submitted by MPARC Secretary, Marty Wise, WM4MW, August 29th, 2020