

Middle Peninsula Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
Minutes
February 5, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Bill (NR4C) with 18 members and 4 guests present. Introductions were made with name and call sign. Bill acknowledged two members who had recently lost family members and expressed the club's sympathies. Since Past President Will (WS3G) was not in attendance (he came in later) a member read his President's Report from last year.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the January meeting had been sent out via e-mail to all members by Joy (W2JMS). It was stated that the web site had been updated and we were going to try to keep at least the last 12 months minutes on the web site.

Treasurer's Report: Rob (KK4R) gave report for January. There were no bills paid and a record number of dues were received in January. We ended the month with a balance of \$5,004.22. Jerry (KRSKD) made a motion to accept both the Secretary and Treasurer's reports with a second by Bobby (K4BC). Reports were approved. The 2019 Budget was presented. There was some discussion on the proposed expenses including talk about internet access at the WXGM repeater site. Bill is to have Mark check on this. A motion was made by Will (WS3G) and seconded by Willy (K4MI) to accept the budget. Motion passed.

W5YL Testing:

Joy (W2JMS) reported that there was a session on January 26th. We had 8 people test. There was 1 there for General and he passed. There were 7 going for Tech will all passing and 1 of them went on to pass the General as well. We gained 6 new club members from this session. The next test session will be March 30.

ARES:

The response has been good on the ARES net on Thursday nights at 8:00 pm on the 37 machine. The average number of check-ins is around 10-12 with the net lasting 30 to 45 minutes. There was one bad night recently where the repeater was giving trouble, but that has been corrected. Jerry asked if anyone attended the ARES forum at Frostfest, but no one did. Jerry does plan on going to Dayton this year. It will be the ARRL Convention as well.

Announcements:

ARES Net on Thursday nights at 8:00pm on 37 machine
Crab Net (6 meters) Monday nights at 8:00pm
Williamsburg XYL net on Sunday nights at 7:30pm on 76 machine
Club breakfast will be February 9th at Olivia's as always.
There was a list of the February contests for those interested
Willy announced he is trying to put together the list of nets for the web site.

Old Business:

Raffles: We are still looking for a Rafflemeister.

Special Events: Joy (W2JMS) is still trying to get info on who to contact about Walter Reed's Birthplace.

New Business:

Club Tax Return: Will (WS3G) said he will fill out the form and submit 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:

March - Groups.io - Joe (K4JJS) Afterwards we will try to help interested people sign on

April - Contesting Best Practices - Rob (KK4R)

May - Repeater Etiquette - Kenny will ask Mark (N1LO)

Treasury: Rob mentioned that our club funds are exceeding what we wanted to hold for repeater repairs. We need to think about what we can do with some of it. Suggestions were made to possibly buy the club a new radio, put internet at the repeater site (if it is not already available) or pay for use through WXGM. We just need to think about it.

Break:

Program: Chuck White (AI4WU) gave a program on "AREDN" Amateur Radio Emergency Data Network

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm

Attendees:

Members:

Bill – NR4C	Kenny – KM4KZC	Joy - W2JMS	Rob – KK4R
Bobby - KT4BOB	Barbara (W4TXF)	Will – WS3G	Willy – K4MI
Wes – AI4FH	Dave - KN0S	Mack - WB2PCV	Liz - K5ELM
Jerry - K4SKD	Tom - K6AET	Ken - KN4MTE	Charles - KN4PKE
Jason - KN4NPB	Joe - WC4R		

Guests:

Jason - Ke4NYV	Bill - KJ4RBL	Chuck - AI4WU	Gary - WB2PVJ
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Submitted by Secretary,
Joy Safranek, W2JMS
March 3, 2019