

**Middle Peninsula Amateur Radio Club, Inc.**  
**Minutes**  
**January 1, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Bill (NR4C) with 22 members and no guests present. Introductions were made with name, call sign and what you got for Christmas. The new officers for this year are:

President: Bill Conkling (NR4C)  
Vice President: Kenny Skirvin (KM4KZC)  
Secretary: Joy Safranek (W2JMS)  
Treasurer: Rob Neece (KK4R)  
At Large: Barbara Ettner (W4TXF)  
          Bobby Forrest (KT4BOB)  
          Robert Jones (K4REJ)

Toys from the Christmas dinner were delivered to WXGM and they sent a big “Thank You” back to the club members.

**Secretary’s Report:** There were no minutes available from the November meeting. There was not an official meeting in December, but some highlights of the Christmas dinner were mentioned. The dinner was held at Nick's with approximately 45 members and guests attending. Will (WS3G) presented Certificates of Appreciation to Rob Neece (KK4R) and Rob Jones (K4REJ) as well as a specially designed plaque to Joy (W2JMS) for all her efforts for the club. Joy also reported that the meeting room has been reserved for all 12 monthly meetings next year.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Rob (KK4R) gave reports for November and December. After some bills were paid and dues received, we ended the year with a balance of \$4,285.37. Willy (K4MI) made a motion to accept both reports with a second by Alan (KM4VTT). Reports were approved.

**ARES:**

Norbert (KM4HVL) and Willy (K4MI) have been alternating as net controls for the ARES net on Thursday nights at 8:00 pm on the 37 machine.

**W5YL Testing:**

Joy (W2JMS) reported that there was a session in November with three people testing. All three obtained the license they came for – 2 new techs and one club member upgrading to general. The next session is January 26th. We have added 4 new VEs and a 5<sup>th</sup> is work on it. Mack (WB2PCV) stated that he would also like to be a VE. The room has been reserved for all 6 Saturday's for testing and the afternoon sessions for 2019. We need to come up with events for the afternoons.

**Announcements:**

ARES Net on Thursday nights at 8:00pm  
Crab Net (6 meters) Monday nights at 8:00pm  
Williamsburg XYL net on Sunday nights at 7:30pm  
Club breakfast will be January 12<sup>th</sup> at Olivia's as always.  
Frostfest will be February 2nd in Richmond.  
There was a list of the January contests for those interested

**Old Business:**

Raffles: Do we want to have them? Consensus was yes. Bill asked for a volunteer to run them, but no one stepped up. We will continue to look for someone and have them when we have items to raffle.

**New Business:**

Special Events: There was discussion on adding another special event during a year. We currently do Captain Sally Tompkins and Captain John Smith. Some ideas were something in relation to Walter Reed's Birthplace and something to do with local Lighthouses. Joy (W2JMS) will work on finding out about something at Walter Reed's Birthplace. Discussion was tabled until a later meeting.

Future Expenditures: Discussion on possibilities of another repeater: format (DMR versus Fusion and others), where to put it and other things that would impact it (internet access, etc.).

Club's HF Equipment: We have two 440's that don't work and an 890. Rob (KK4R) made a motion that we sell them with a second by Bobby (K4BG). Motion passed. Rich (K4TJA) volunteered to facilitate the sales.

Programs: Kenny (KM4KZC) is working on programs for the year. He wants to hear from membership on what programs they would like and if they are willing to give a program. Some ideas presented were: 6meter antenna design, Fusion, contesting practices, Skywarn and spotter classes. Some ideas for after the test sessions include: How to Fox Hunt, a fox hunt, building spud guns.

Joe (K4JJS) made some comments that he had recently heard a founding member of the club, Tom Mosca (KB4OPR).

Rob (KK4R) said we had some QSL cards from the last event (Captain John Smith) that needed to be done at the board meeting. Willy (K4MI) has agreed to be the new QSL manager.

Board Meeting set for Jan 15<sup>th</sup> at Nicks - 6:00pm

**Program:** Will (WS3G) gave a program on "Good & Bad Ham's" and mentioned the "Greatest Ham of all Time". This included a list of many famous hams.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm

**Attendees:**

**Members:**

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| Bill – NR4C    | Kenny – KM4KZC | Joy - W2JMS     | Rob – KK4R     |
| Robert – K4REJ | Bobby = KT4BOB | Barbara (W4TXF) | Dan – WG4F     |
| Will – WS3G    | John – AI4QQ   | Willy – K4MI    | Keith – N4KDJ  |
| Wes – AI4FH    | Dave - KN0S    | Alan - KM4VTT   | Mark - N1LO    |
| Mack - WB2PCV  | Liz - K5ELM    | Rich – K4TJA    | Randy - KI4YMP |
| Tim – N4XND    | Joe - K4JJS    | Jerry - K4SKD   |                |

Submitted by Secretary,  
Joy Safranek, W2JMS  
January 15, 2019