

**Middle Peninsula Amateur Radio Club, Inc.**  
**Minutes**  
**March 5, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 6:59pm by President Bill (NR4C) with 28 members and 3 guests present. Introductions were made with name and call sign.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the February meeting had been sent out via e-mail to all members by Joy (W2JMS). It was stated that the web site had not been updated but it is being worked on.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer, Rob (KK4R), was not present. Bill (NR4C) gave report for February. We ended the month with \$5,132.16. A motion was made by Keith (N4KDJ) and seconded by Alan (KM4VTT) to accept both the Secretary's Minutes and the Treasurer's Financial Report. Motion passed.

**W5YL Testing:**

Joy (W2JMS) reported that there was a session on January 26<sup>th</sup>. The next test session will be March 30<sup>th</sup> and we have the room after the session. In March the afternoon session will be DMR Codeplugs.

**ARES:**

The response has been good on the ARES net on Thursday nights at 8:00 pm on the 37 machine.

**Announcements:**

Club breakfast will be March 9<sup>th</sup> 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 3/2-4/27 (alt Sat) KL0S QTH

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

Upcoming contests in March include ARRL DX SSB, VA QSO Party, and the CQ WPX SSB.

**Program:** Joe Safranek (K4JJS) gave a program on "Groups.io" which we are using to replace the old Yahoo Reflector to distribute info to club members.

**Break:**

**Old Business:**

**Raffles:** We are still looking for a Rafflemeister. Willy (K4MI) has the supplies.

**Internet at repeater site:** Nothing was done previously. Bill (NR4C) asked Mark (NILO) to check with WXGM to see if there is internet access at the site or if we can get it and the cost. Keith stated we can get internet free at the Mathews site. Mark reminded everyone that as of March 19<sup>th</sup> the repeater will have been on the air for 20 years.

**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:

April - Contesting Best Practices - Rob (KK4R)

May - Fox Hunt Tech - Still need a presenter

May Exam Afternoon - Fox Hunt - Still need a lead

June - Repeater Etiquette - Still need a presenter

Special Events: Joy (W2JMS) found the contact for Walter Reed's Birthplace, John Gillis, and called him. He said he did not have time to talk and ask that she send him the info in an e-mail. As of meeting time, he had not responded. Kenny (KM4KZC) will contact Belroi Market to see if we can use their picnic area. Tim (N4XND) made a motion to have the event on April 27<sup>th</sup> at either the historical house or across the street at Belroi Market. Alan (KM4VTT) seconded. Motion passed.

Club Tax Return: Will (WS3G) filled out the form and submitted it. He had copies for Bill and Joy.

**New Business:**

Tour de Chesapeake: Keith (N4KDJ) gave a brief overview of what the club usually does. The event will be May 18<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will be provided. There was some discussion on getting SAG signs made for our vehicles as the ones they have are getting pretty worn out. Suggestion was made to get them from ARRL (ARES signs). Joy (W2JMS) will look into getting one and seeing if there is enough room to add MPARC to it. She will also check out some local sign shops.

Alan (KM4VTT) announced that he had ordered some T-Shirts with the club logo. He will sell them at \$15 and give the club the profits

Jerry (K4SKD) announced that the club radios have sold for \$835 which exceeds the budgeted profit.

Danny (KW4LQ) announced that there is a contest event this week called the Novice Rig Round-up in the original novice bands using novice rigs. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> annual event and it will run for 9 days.

Everyone was reminded that Daylight Savings Time begins this weekend.

**Show and Tell:** Joe (WC4R) and a guest Jason (KE4NYV) explained a hot spot that they are building and intend to sell. There was some discussion afterward.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:07pm

**Attendees:**

Members:

Bill C – NR4C	Kenny – KM4KZC	Joy - W2JMS	Bobby - KT4BOB
Will – WS3G	Willy – K4MI	Dave - KN0S	Mack - WB2PCV
Liz - K5ELM	Jerry - K4SKD	Tom - K6AET	Kenneth - KN4MTE
Joe R - WC4R	Gary - WB2PVJ	Bob - KM4WYJ	Connie - KM4NPA
Dave - KK4CNF	Dan - WG4F	John - AI4QQ	Robert - K4WBG
Keith -N4KDJ	Alan - KM4VTT	Mark - N1LO	Tim - N4XND
Joe S - K4JJS	Bill S - KJ4RBL	Danny - KW4LQ	Thomas - KN4PKC

**Guests:**

Steve - KG4SMV     Jason R - KE4NYV     Leslie - No Call

Submitted by Secretary,  
Joy Safranek, W2JMS  
March 24, 2019