

**Middle Peninsula Amateur Radio Club, Inc.**  
**General Meeting Net Summary**  
**May 5, 2020**

**Note:**

Due to Governor Northam's order prohibiting gathering in groups due to the ongoing Coronavirus Pandemic, the monthly general meeting of the club was cancelled. In its place, an over-the-air net was conducted at the usual time to maintain contact between club members and to continue ongoing discussion of club matters. The net followed the same general form as a meeting, but since our bylaws currently have no provision allowing electronic meetings, and such meetings are not allowed implicitly by the current version of Robert's Rules of Order, no motions could be made and no votes conducted, so no minutes were kept. Instead, this summary of the night's activity is being submitted in lieu of minutes.

**Initial Call for Check-ins**

The net was called at 7:00 pm on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 by MPARC President Kenny Skirvin (KM4KZC), an initial call for check-ins to the net heard responses from

- Roger, KI4QAU
- Dave, KN0S
- Dave, KK4CNF
- Tim, K4TFJ
- Jerry, K4SKD
- Marty, WM4MW
- Danny, KW4LQ
- Mark, N1LO
- Dan, WG4F
- Will, K4MI
- Mack, WB2PCV

**Agenda:**

- Previous meeting minutes
- Treasurer's report
- W5YI testing
- Old business
- New business
- Talk about options for the next meeting
- Any other business? Discussion?

## Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes/summary were distributed electronically as usual. Kenny asked for any comments from the secretary (Marty, WM4MW) who had none. There were no other changes or additions to the minutes.

## Treasurer's Report

Kenny asked the Treasurer (Will, K4MI) for a summary of the situation and any remarks. Will indicated that there had been little activity, but there were a couple of things that were noteworthy –

- The State Corporation Commission fee was due and paid.
- A few additional dues were collected.
- Cancellation of the Tour de Chesapeake means a \$500 budget shortfall for the club. Will is optimistic that we may be able to offset that through raffles of the equipment that was donated recently. But this cannot happen until we return to in-person meetings.

## W5YI Testing

Joy indicated that she hopes to offer a test session before the expiration of the current Extra class test bank, but is still unclear when that might be... Maybe June 6<sup>th</sup> and/or 13<sup>th</sup>? Joy is looking for possible locations – parking lot? There have been a fair number of people asking about it, so, we may need to spread them out to comply with social distancing guidelines. Joy encourages anyone interested in testing to contact her as soon as possible so plans can be made. She is working hard to be sure people who wish to take the extra exam can do so before the current test bank expires.

Will (K4MI) commented that the Williamsburg club is planning a 6/20 testing session at Toano Fire Station 1. There will be special procedures – individuals wanting to take a test must bring masks and gloves, for example.. Full detail on the session are available on the <http://www.k4rc.net> web site.

Kenny paused to make another call for check-ins... and added

- John, AI4QQ

## Old Business

By-laws change vote:

Still postponed until our next in-person meeting.

Program Chair

Still seeking a volunteer to serve as program chair.

Repeater Amp

The failed repeater is still awaiting repair. Moved to guest room.

ARES MoU

Kenny reminded us that we now have a temporary MoU with ARES and Gloucester County.

Roger expressed his gratitude that the Board was able to work out a way to move forward with

the MoU under the current constraints – the county needs the services we can provide. We will ratify the temporary MoU once we have an in-person meeting so we can conduct an actual vote.

## New Business

### Cancellations

Due to the social distancing order which extends until June 12<sup>th</sup>, several club activities are cancelled, postponed or rescheduled.

- **May 18<sup>th</sup> Walter Reed Special Event:** postponed Until 9/12/2020 (tentative).
- **May 5<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting:** conducted OTA
- **May 9<sup>th</sup> Club Breakfast:** Cancelled
- **May 30<sup>th</sup> Tour de Chesapeake:** Cancelled
- **June 2<sup>nd</sup> Club Meeting:** to be conducted OTA

### **ARRL Field Day (June 27/28)**

The ARRL is promoting the idea of coming up with creative solutions to operate under the current pandemic conditions. Field day is still expected to take place as scheduled, though the details of how it is executed will likely be a little different than usual. There are thoughts of club members operating from the home QTH in rotation. It sounds like the Williamsburg club is exploring these options too. And, even if there is some degree of return to normal by that time, it might be prudent to operate from home to avoid congregating in keeping with social distancing guidelines.

### Next Meeting:

At the last meeting, we mentioned that we might need to hold the June meeting OTA as well. Discussion of the topic at that time seemed to indicate that most people were in favor of having the meeting on the repeater rather than via Zoom/WebEx or any other options. So, Kenny asked that if nobody had any objections, we would plan on having the June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting OTA on the 145.37MHz repeater. No objections were raised, so we will proceed with that plan.

Pause to call for additional Check-Ins –  
No further check-ins were heard

### ARES

Roger (K14QAU) reported that he has made contact with the individuals who had expressed interest in participating in our ARES unit. He has begun to get his thoughts together on the organization and thinks he will look for three assistants. He continues to develop his plans, and the group is beginning to come together.

Will (K4MI) reported that the weekly ARES Net on 145.37MHz continues to operate with good participation. He encourages everyone to check-in.

### Any additional New Business?

Mark (N1LO) indicated that he has the necessary parts to repair the new repeater amplifier... a cap donated by Danny (KW4LQ) and has received the manual reset inline circuit breaker that he ordered. In the meantime, the original (repaired) repeater amplifier is performing well, and given the current social distancing situation, since there is no rush to get the new one repaired he expects to get together to do so once the situation improves.

### Remarks from people who checked in –

Kenny offered each person who had checked in an opportunity to contribute to the net. Everyone related stories and comments regarding the pandemic, or anything else they wanted to say. The remarks were varied, colorful and some very amusing as usual.

Kenny made one last call for check-ins or remarks.

- Liz, K4ELM
- Will, WS3G
- Randy, KI4YMP
- Barbara, W4TXF

Kenny will conduct the next meeting (June 2<sup>nd</sup>) over the air as well. He thanked everyone for checking in. He then closed the net and returned the repeater to normal use at 8:00 PM.

## Participants

### Members

- Kenny, KM4KZC (net control)
- Roger, KI4QAU
- Dave, KN0S
- Dave, KK4CNF
- Tim, K4TFJ
- Jerry, K4SKD
- Marty, WM4MW
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### Guests

- none

Submitted by MPARC Secretary, Marty Wise, WM4MW, May 31, 2020