

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Bill (NR4C) with 18 members and 1 guest present. Introductions were made with name, call sign and your most significant ham radio event in your life. There were some amazing moments in the lives of many of our members.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the September meeting had been sent out via e-mail to all members by Joy (W2JMS). Motion to accept was held after Treasurer's report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer, Rob (KK4R) read the report showing a closing balance for September of \$5,715.13. Motion made to accept both Secretary report and Treasurer report by Jerry (K4SKD) and seconded by Willy (K4MI). Both were approved.

**W5YL Testing:**

Joy (W2JMS) reported on the September 28<sup>th</sup> session. There were 4 people tested. One came for Extra and passed. There came for Tech and all passed with one going on to pass the General exam. We gained two new members from this session - Carson (KN4YQW) and Robert (KN4YQV).

**ARES:**

The ARES net on Thursday nights at 8:00 pm on the 37 machine is still going great. Everyone was encouraged to keep an eye on the weather for the next month or so. All who are interested in Emergency Communications should be looking into what classes are needed so that you can be admitted to the EOCs and work when called upon.

**Announcements:**

Club breakfast will be October 12th at Olivia's as always.

ARES Net on Thursday nights at 8:00pm on the 37 repeater (145.37)

Crab Net (6 meters) Monday nights at 8:00pm (50.180)

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

**MPARC Calendar:**

Oct 19 - WAARC Special Event at Yorktown

Oct 19 - Boy Scout JOTA (Jerry has more on that)

Oct 28 - CQWW SSB

Nov 5 - November Meeting (Annual Meeting with Elections)

**Old Business:**

**Meeting with WXGM - Tom Robinson:** Mark (N1LO) and Kenny (KM4KZC) went to a meeting on Thursday, Sept 5<sup>th</sup> with him. He was very receptive and is happy to have us on his tower. He is very appreciative of our help with the toy drive each December. We went on the tower in 2007 or 2008 so over the years, we have given lots of toys. He gave his permission for us to use their internet for repeater control. We obtained a device for hooking the controller to the internet that was installed by Mark, Kenny, and Keith. It seems to be working well, but a few bugs are still being ironed out. This will save the club about \$365 per year on a phone line.

**Programs:** Kenny (KM4KZC) is still working on programs for the year. Upcoming programs are:

- November - NASA Lighting Research - Ken (KN4MTE)
- November Exam Afternoon - none planned
- December - Christmas Dinner/Party
- January 2020 - Will (WS3G) - Off the Wall

**New Business:**

**JOTA:** Jerry (K4SKD) was asked to participate again this year with a station. He will set up at the same Church as last year on the 19<sup>th</sup> from around 2-4pm. Anyone who wants to help is welcome.

**Club Elections:** Elections are coming up soon. Alan (KM4VTT) was out of town. During discussion, Willy (K4MI) was in contact via text messenger. Kenny (KM4KZC) volunteered to step up for President. Marty (WM4MW) volunteered to take on Secretary. Willy had previously stated he would run for Treasurer. Roger (KI4QAU) said he would be willing to take on Vice President. The following have indicated they would be willing to serve as At Large Members: Bobby (K4BC), Barbara (W4TXF), Jerry (K4SKD), Joe (K4JJS), and Alan (KM4VTT). Nominations remain open until the next meeting and anyone can self nominate or can be nominated from the floor at the meeting.

**Break:** Bobby (K4BC) brought some old QST magazines. Free to anyone who wants them.

**Program:** Linux and Raspberry PI - Marty (WM4MW)

**Raffle:** Marty donated a RTL/SDR for the raffle. (I did not write down who won)

Meeting was adjourned around 9:00pm

**Attendees:**

**Members:**

Bill - NR4C	Kenny - KM4KZC	Joy - W2JMS	Rob - KK4R
Bobby - K4BC	Barbara - W4TXF	John - AI4QQ	Mark - N1LO
Willy - K4MI	Marty - WM4MW	Will G - WS3G	Dave J - KN0S
Dan - WG4F	Keith - N4KDJ	Mack - WB2PVC	Liz - K5ELM
Roger - KI4QAU	Jerry - K4SKD		

**Guests:**

Tyler

Submitted by Secretary,  
Joy Safranek, W2JMS  
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