

**Middle Peninsula Amateur Radio Club, Inc.**  
**Minutes**  
**September 3, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Bill (NR4C) with 25 members and 2 guests present. Introductions were made with name, call sign and telling if you would run for office in MPARC for 2020.

**Program:** Drones (Why they need ham radio license) by Carlton Bennett. We started the meeting with the program because we needed daylight to fly the drone demo. Everyone enjoyed watching it and listening to what racing drones is all about. After the demo, we returned to the meeting room and discussed why a ham license is needed to fly the drones. Carlton said that he would really like to get his group to some of our classes and testing sessions so that they would all be compliant with this requirement. Several areas are offering classes and we will discuss giving one ourselves.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the August 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 August of \$6,166.16. He said that a check to Joy was still outstanding. She said she had cashed it but would check to see what happened. Motion made to accept both Secretary report and Treasurer report by Will (WS3G) and seconded by Alan (KM4VTT). Both were approved.

**W5YI Testing:**

Joy (W2JMS) reported the next session will be September 28<sup>th</sup> and we have the meeting room for the entire day.

**ARES:**

The ARES net on Thursday nights at 8:00 pm on the 37 machine is still going great. Everyone was encouraged to watch and listen for the updates on Hurricane Dorian which is expected to go up the East Coast this week.

**Announcements:**

Club breakfast will be September 14th 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 (people arrive at various times so don't worry if you can't get there at this exact time) at Courthouse Wendy's in Gloucester

**MPARC Calendar:**

Sep 14 - MPARC breakfast

Sep 21 - NR4M Pig Fest (Goat farm) This is a big contesting station 15 miles West of Fredericksburg VA. It is an interesting place to visit and see his "tower" farm

Sep 28 - CQ WW RTTY

Oct 1 - Next MPARC Meeting

**Old Business:**

**Internet at repeater site:** Mark (N1LO) has been working on this. He and Kenny (KM4KZC) are going on Thursday, Sept 5<sup>th</sup>, to have a meeting with Tom Robinson (owner of WXGM who hosts our repeater). Mark has already secured a verbal okay for us to use their internet connection (with limited bandwidth) so that we can control the repeater without a phone line. The station engineers have already secured the equipment necessary to do this. We went on their tower in 2007 or 2008. We will have to obtain a device to emulate a phone. Mark will work on this.

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

- September Exam Afternoon - none planned
- October - Linux for Ham Radio/Other Uses - Marty (WM4MW)
- November - NASA Lighting Research - Ken (KN4MTE)
- November Exam Afternoon - none planned
- December - Christmas Dinner/Party
- January 2020 - Will (WS3G) - Off the Wall

**New Business:**

**D7 Advisory Council:** Joe (K4JJS) wanted to let everyone know that the D7 (First Colony District of ARES Virginia) Advisory Council is beginning to be brought back to life after several years of almost no activity. New officers are in the process of being elected due to the serious illness of the current President and other vacancies. The new board of officers and anyone interested in furthering amateur radio will be working to revamp the council to make it more supportive of all District 7 clubs and interested hams. In the past, membership was the ECs and AECs in Hampton, Newport News, York County (includes Poquoson), Williamsburg, James City County, Gloucester and Mathews. The new board will be working on the by-laws to allow for membership and the council's objectives for the future. More info will be coming out soon.

**Club Elections:** Elections are coming up soon. Start thinking about them. We need a nominating committee for this year. Alan (KM4VTT) volunteered to head the committee and vowed to come up with a great slate of officers. Joy (W2JMS) needs to get him a current roster of all members. Alan asked if you had to be a licensed ham to hold office and it was stated that our by-laws currently say that you do. There was some discussion on how to get more of the women (spouses) involved.

**Break:**

**Raffle:** None

Meeting was adjourned around 9:00pm

**Attendees:**

**Members:**

Bill - NR4C	Kenny - KM4KZC	Joy - W2JMS	Rob - KK4R
Bobby - K4BC	John - AI4QQ	Mark - N1LO	Willy - K4MI
Marty - WM4MW	Will G - WS3G	Dave J - KN0S	Bob B - KM4WYJ
Ken - KN4MTE	Dave - KK4CNF	Dan - WG4F	Landon - KN4UVR
Keith - N4KDJ	Wes - AI4FH	Alan - KM4VTT	Mack - WB2PVC
Liz - K5ELM	Joe - K4JJS	Kevin - N0UIJ	Roger - KI4QAU

Guests:

Carlton Bennett - Speaker     Sheila Nolte

Submitted by Secretary,

Joy Safranek, W2JMS

September 8, 2019