

## MARC Meeting May 1<sup>st</sup> 2025

The meeting was brought to order at 7:30 pm by Dennis N8ERF with 22 members and guests present and 1 via zoom. A sign in sheet was passed around and introductions were made.

Treasurer's report- John W8QN- Thank-you to all those members who have renewed their memberships.

Correction to April's minutes– Dennis N8ERF- Max KE8DON has been the Section Emergency Coordinator for several years and not just recently elected to that position. Thank you Dennis. Please bring corrections and additions to the minutes to the attention of the secretary. We want our information to be accurate and up- to -date.

A motion was made by Ric KD0RMK to approve the minutes. Seconded by Doug N8NTN, passed.

Raleigh's Call- Kevin KB8QWQ applied for and is now W8QOI. Congratulations Kevin. You have some big shoes to fill.

ARES Report- Ric KD0RMK- Ric's report included a reminder to sign up for NET Control and to be sure to fill out your activity sheets. A short tutorial on the use of DISCORD, how Exercises are planned and prepped for. Also members are invited to the city council meeting to hear a reading of the proclamation request to declare the 21<sup>st</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> amateur radio week.

Jack K8GTG- Lets stay prepared for severe weather, Jack's word of the day is Derecho- A long line fast moving wind storms , sometimes including damaging hail, rain and straight line winds.

School Clubs- Dennis N8ERF- The clubs are winding down as the end of the school year approaches. We are making a plan to increase attendance, and will be back in the fall. The Balloon launch is planned for Saturday. Many thanks to Dan KR1NGL for his donation of the helium. It is much appreciated.

Paul K8PLM – Paul knows about a crank-up - tilt over antenna tower for sale for \$500.00 which is located in St Louis , Mi. If you are interested see Paul for more details.

Swap- Keith KB8SOE- Pass the word and pass out fliers. They can be found at the web site. The date is June 14<sup>th</sup> ( the day before Father's Day). Contact Keith to reserve a table. To preregister for the VE session contact Dennis N8ERF.

Saginaw Club- Ron KC8YVF- Ron needs more operators to help out with the MS Walk in Frankenmuth on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Ron if you can spare some time on Saturday morning for this worthwhile cause.

Presentation- Lee KC8ITI- Lee gave a power point presentation on the uses and advantages of Linux as an alternative to the Windows 11 upgrades. For more information on this subject go to <http://sfedoraproject.org>. A long and lively discussion followed.

Ric KD0RMK- Ric shared that T-Mobile was offering satellite texting for free. Ask Ric for more details.

A motion was made by Larry N8CGP to adjourn the meeting and seconded.  
The meeting ended at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by  
Linda KC8MUD,  
MARC Secretary