

MARC Mtg. February 5<sup>th</sup> 2026

Dennis N8ERF brought the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at the Salvation Army Building with 23 members and guests present and on-line. Introductions were made and a sign-in sheet was passed around.

Dennis N8ERF made a motion to approve December's minutes. Seconded and passed. There were no January minutes.

Treasurer's report- John W8QN- John gave December's and January's treasurer's report. Donations, equipment sales and bills were reported. Thank-you to those members who have renewed their membership dues.

School Club- Dennis N8ERF- The club is active and doing well. Dennis N8ERF was able to secure \$6500.00 of grant money for tools, soldering stations and equipment for the school club. Wow!

Swap- Lee KC8ITI- Keith KB8SOE has agreed to chair the swap which will take place June 20<sup>th</sup>. Help is needed for that day, let Keith know if you need a table or can help with set up or tear down. Many thanks to Keith.

Saginaw Club – Mike KD8MMH and Ron KC8YVF- The Saginaw Club meeting is held on first Friday night of the month at the Harry Brown airport. Mike told about their winter Field day and other activities.

New Business- Dennis N8ERF- Our repeater and it's capabilities were the main topic of discussion. Dennis N8ERF began by reading club by-laws pertaining to and mainly focused on emergency services and why they are important. He reminded the club members of the importance of Amateur Radio use in emergency service and the possibility of losing the use of our frequencies. The CMEN group is asking for a \$5000.00 donation from our club.

Discussion- John W8QN listed up-coming plans, testing, changes and target dates. And future plans for three other remote sites. Followed by more questions and discussion.

Presentation- Art K0ACP- Tests were conducted to determine coverage of our current repeater system. A discussion followed about how to make our current system transmit and receive better. We are still collecting data.

Sky Warn Training- Art K0ACP- Spring Sky Warn Training is in March at the LEC.

Vote -Dennis N8ERF- In two months our club members will have to vote weather or not to donate \$5000.00 to the CMEN group. Jeff KB8SWR who is a representative of the CMEN group added that their project will provide open and free communication to those people who can use it.

Other business- Art K0ACP mentioned POTA, Keith KB8SOE mentioned Packet Radio, and Mike KD8MMH mentioned that because of a silent key Hamclock is going to end.

Larry N8CGP made a motion to adjourn the meeting .  
Seconded by David N4DBR.  
The meeting ended at 9:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda KC8MUD  
MARC Secretary