

MARC Mtg. April 2nd 2026

The meeting was brought to order by Dennis N8ERF at 7:35 pm with 25 members and guests present. Introductions were made and a sign-in sheet was sent around.

Treasurer's Report -John W8QN - There has been a lot of activity over the last two months including the sale of club items, paying bills and receiving grant money. Thank-you to those members who have renewed their dues.

Motion- Dennis N8ERF- A motion on the floor made by Dennis N8ERF to approve March's minutes, Seconded by Lee KC8ITI.. passed.

E/C Report- Ric KD0RMK- Ric's report included a test of the Midland County Siren System.

School club- Dennis N8ERF- The clubs are doing well, Dennis spent grant money on needed tools, supplies and soldering stations for the students to use. He also purchased an oscilloscope for the club. Training for the balloon launch that takes place on May 2nd (weather permitting) has begun.

Saginaw Club- Mike KD8MMH- Their club meetings are on Friday night at the Harry Brown Airport.

QSO Party- Dennis N8ERF- Don't forget the QSO Party on April 18th and also there will be exams on April 18th.

Repeater Update- John W8QN- Adjustments to the repeaters are being made, We can use the West Midland Community Center Site for the remainder of the year then it will be torn down. The repeater equipment there will have to be relocated. Equipment has been purchased and remote receivers should be usable by the first of May.

Request -Mitchell W8DOD- Mitchell requested \$288.00 for repeater site equipment. After a short discussion request was tabled until the next meeting.

Motion- Art K0ACP- Art made a motion to get \$150.00 for pavilion rental at a POTA event that goes from Noon until 6:00. Mitchell W8DOD seconded. Discussion. Passed

Motion- Paul K8PLM- Paul has made a motion to donate \$5,000 to the CMEN group. Art K0ACP has seconded it. Much discussion followed.

Discussion- Jeff KB8SWR (CMEN Representative), Pat W8PMR, Dave N8LBF, Wendy K8WSR, Mike KD8MMH, Dave N4DBR, Jack K8GTG, Art K0ACP, Paul K8PLM, Larry N8CGP, Dennis N8ERF, Ric KD0RMK, John W8QN, and Kevin W8QOI all voiced their opinions, concerns and comments.

Amendment to the motion-- John W8QN made an amendment to the original motion asking the CMEN group to add an agreement that they would give our group knowledge on how to implement the voting system John has. Doug N8NTN seconded the motion. Dennis N8ERF brought the amendment up for a vote and the amendment was voted down.

Vote- Paul K8PLM made a motion to give \$5,000 to the CMEN group. Art K0ACP seconded the motion. The members voted by paper ballot and the motion passed 17 to 7.

Presentation- Via Zoom Anthony Luscre gave an excellent power point talk all about the finer details of a successful ARRL sanctioned Field Day. Anthony's talk included how to pointers on set-up and tear down, what equipment to use, locations, new rules, logging techniques and just plain having stress-free fun. Thank you to Kanushi, for her hard work finding these knowledgeable speakers.

Side Note- Fred (CMEN Group) will supply John with the information he requested in his amendment.

Larry has made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting ended at 9:20pm

Respectfully submitted,
Linda KC8MUD
MARC Secretary