

# Minutes for BGMRC, Inc.

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## Call to Order

A regular monthly meeting of The Bill Gremillion Memorial Radio Club, Inc. was held on April 25, 2019, at SPRAYBERRY'S original restaurant in Newnan. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM EDT and was presided over by President Scott Marlowe, WX4SKY, with Mary Jean Kimble, KK4YTN taking minutes for club secretary Beth Walker, KB4BAW. Scott Marlowe presented a quick overview of the meeting agenda and then called on John Caldwell, N4HIC to open the meeting with a prayer.

## Attendees

Voting members in attendance included: see check-in sheet. A quorum was present.

Guests in attendance included: see check-in sheet.

Members not in attendance: see check-in sheet

## Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Josh Beeson – N9GQA, and seconded by David Prudhomme – AC4DP to adopt the proposed agenda. The motion carried by a voice vote with no one voting against the motion.

## Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 2019 meeting was made by Todd Walker, WA4TAW and seconded by Frank Kimble, KK4YTM. Motion carried by voice vote with no one voting against the motion.

## Business:

### Cannongate Tower Project

Scott Marlowe gave Gary Beckstedt, WB4GMB the floor to discuss the move of the Madras Repeater to the new Palmetto/Cannongate location and update members on the progress of the tower installation. Gary noted that the tower is up, the shelter is in place, and the project is moving forward. A firm decision needs to be made on allocation of money to this project. The quote presented to the club in previous meetings was refreshed by Dianna Beckstedt, WB4DMB and is still accurate and will be good for 30 days. Gary passed around his spreadsheet showing the Labor, Materials List, and Cost Estimate. Coweta County will cover the labor cost of \$3000.00. Some items will be donated by Gary. The total cost to the club including material, freight, and sales tax is \$5,413.39.

Dan Warnock, KI4GWT, asked if funds are available for any unexpected expenses. Gary responded that he believes everything needed is listed on the quote and he doesn't believe there is anything that could arise but should something come up we will need to address it at that time.

Frank Kimble asked about site accessibility. Gary responded that it will be the same as with the Temple Ave. We will arrange a time to access the site with Jay Jones.

David Prudhomme asked about the cost of this project versus the amount of money in our treasury. Scott Marlowe asked Gary to pause for a moment and called on Rick Melville, KK4DDK, to give the Treasurer's Report.

**Treasurer's Report: Rick Melville, KK4DDK, reported the following:**

Total Current Assets as of 3/31/2019 - \$6214.77

January – March 2019 Activity

Membership Dues collected - \$635.00

Balloon Launch Donations - \$240.00

Balloon Launch Expense - \$240.00

Unrestricted Donations - \$251.25

Repairs and Maintenance - \$75.00

Website Hosting - \$188.40

Rick noted that a Fundraiser Yard Sale is planned for June and we will likely clear \$1000 from this effort.

Scott asked if there are any big expenses between now and next January and Rick indicated that the \$200 Liability Insurance will be due. Members discussed the possibility of expenses for Field Day food and the Christmas Party. Rick noted that the club has no debt or regular monthly expenses.

A motion was made by Dan Warnock to accept the Treasurer's Report and was seconded by Josh Beeson. Motion carried by voice vote with no one voting against the motion.

Gary resumed discussion of the tower project including fielding questions about the possible need for equipment insurance at tower sites, the internet connection at the new Cannongate site, and the propagation projection for Cannongate.

Gary Beckstedt made the motion to accept the cost schedule for the Cannongate Tower Project in the amount of \$5,413.39. Rick Melville pointed out that since the motion came from the committee no second is needed. Time was allowed for any additional discussion.

Josh Beeson made the motion to close the discussion. Motion was seconded by Frank Kimble and was carried by voice vote with no one voting against the motion.

Gary's motion was carried by a voice vote to accept the cost schedule for the Cannongate Tower Project with no one voting against the motion.

**BGMRC Gear**

Scott prefaced the presentation by Todd Walker on the new BGMRC gear available to members by noting that members can have any items made using the club's LEGACY logo at any time and there is no problem with members wearing or using the LEGACY logo in any way they wish. He then called on Todd Walker to proceed with his presentation.

Todd showed samples of items available on the website <http://bgmrc.fws.store>. You can find T-Shirts, coffee mugs, club badges, and more and most items can be printed with your call sign for a \$2.00

additional fee. From this website your order will be placed with the vendor and the BGMRC treasury will receive a small percentage of every sale. The link to the vendor's website will be on the BGMRC website store.

### **Repeater Linking and Echolink**

John Caldwell asked if anyone verifies that the repeaters are linked before the Sunday Evening Net. He mentioned an issue he had while trying to get into the net last Sunday evening. There was a technical issue with the linking and Gary explained the cause.

Also, we are currently trying some new things with echolink and our linked repeater system. Members who utilize echolink should log into the net using node WB4GMB-R node. This will be directly connected to the .165 Madras machine where the net originates. Other nodes MAY be brought online for other repeaters but the key information is that WB4GMB-R will be the connection point for members utilizing echolink. The WX4SKY-R node that has operated for several years will NOT be active for the net.

### **Net Control Operators Needed**

Scott asked for Net Control Volunteers for the Sunday Evening Net. A base station is required. If additional operators are not found we may need to go to a monthly net.

### **Field Day**

Field Day is June 22-23 and we are looking at the First Ave. Park in downtown Newnan as the location.

We are seeking volunteers. The size and scope of our operation will be directly determined by the number of members who have volunteered. Please contact Gary at [Gary@northgeorgiagmrs.com](mailto:Gary@northgeorgiagmrs.com) to discuss your participation. Shifts can be as little a few hours but, we need volunteers. Brian Hill, KM4UCV has volunteered for the concessions and food.

### **Balloon Launch**

Scott and Brian said the Balloon Launch should be in the next week or two. We are waiting for the transmitter unit to arrive and they have been told by the vendor it should ship next week.

### **Adjournment**

A motion for adjournment was made by Frank Kimble and seconded by Todd Walker. Motion was carried by voice vote with adjournment at 8:30PM EDT.

**Minutes respectfully submitted by Mary Jean Kimble on behalf of Beth Walker, Secretary.**