

MOUND AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION – MEETING MINUTES

March 2, 2011

The March meeting of the MARA Club was called to order at the Mound Clubhouse at 7:00PM by President Jack Melke – KM8N.

Members present – 19

Jack – KM8N, Dick – KB8MMW, Brent – KD8DGE, Ken – AC8AV, Steve – N8DNG, Jay – N8IPO, Steve – K3ERN, Claude – KC8TFY, Leslie – KC8YZI, Carl – WD8NHK, Gail – KD8CXB, Sam – WA8VIW, Mike – KD8OCA, Joe – NC8D, Tom – W8WGT, Gary – W8WGR, Mike – K8MJH, Harry – AC8G, Matt – AC8HM

Ken – AC8AV Secretary, read the February 9th, meeting minutes. The minutes were accepted with no correction; a motion was made to accept, seconded and passed.

Dick – KB8MMW Treasurer, reported the financials as follows:

Checking	1590.91
Savings	748.76
Money Mkt.	<u>865.19</u>
Total	\$3204.86

Standing Committee Report

- Equipment Manager – Jay – N8IPO. The 145.330 MHz repeater is working well since the coax was rerouted away from a power cable possibly causing interference.**
- Club Activities Chair – Carl – WD8NHK. Pizza & Beer Night will be at Ron's Pizza 1 S. Main St., Miamisburg 6:30PM. Operating Night at the Club House, Wednesday, March 16th. at 7PM. We will be starting to assemble the elements for the Cushcraft A4S beam.**
- Emergency Response Chair – Jack – KM8N attended the Mont. Co. AREs meeting on Feb. 22nd. John – KD8AIZ ask for more members to join in the Tuesday NET for participation in practice and training. It was reported that the Red Cross nearly as for help during the last ice storm. The Red Cross has an understanding with the ARRL for being able to activate volunteers with less than Red Cross certification in an emergency. The 146.640 repeater is still located at the 14 -16 tower and MOCARES is hoping to get it moved to the new tower soon as the conditions are not good for the equipment presently. Volunteers are requested to work the Great TV Auction coming up April 11-16th. This may consist of escorting workers to and from the building to parking. A sign-up sheet for Sycamore Hospital volunteers was passed to the members who want to be available for emergency communication needs. There will be a drill at Sycamore Hospital on March**

- 24th. lasting 8 hours divided in 2 shifts. If you are available please contact Jack - KM8N or Dale – KD8HFM.
- Tower Chair – Jack – KM8N bought the new Cushcraft antenna from R&L and the plan is to get it installed before Hamvention and Field Day.

OLD BUSINESS

- MARA 50th Anniversary - Dale – KD8HFM no report Dale is Extra Class training. Jack reported that the proposed date might be September 22, 2012. It may be adjusted to the same weekend as the Miamisburg Starving Artist date. The locating will be across the street from the park at Bld. 102 at the new Mound Museum.
- The ORRRC is asking for volunteer race help for the Marathon April 3rd.
- Miamisburg Tour'D Burg is July 17th. MARA will be race marshalling and safety.
- MARA bylaws is now posted on the website.

NEW BUSINESS

- Jack will be meeting with the new Parks & Rec. Manager Ryan Davis either this or next week at the club house. He hopes to explore future needs and concerns of the city and club.
- MOA for MOCARES – The Executive Board met before the stated meeting and discussed the proposal presented to MARA. This will have to be rewritten as it was not acceptable.
- Miami Township & Miamisburg Police were contacted by Jack – KM8N to discuss having a MOU with the two departments. They were both receptive and Jack will continue with the negotiations. There was also open discussion pertaining to supporting West Carrollton. This would have to be secondary to our commitment to Miamisburg and Miami Township.
- Hamvention – Steve- K3ERN has donated many items for sale and we need to keep looking for items to sell or donated equipment for club revenue.
- Jeem Newland – WB8RXI is in Sycamore Hospital. Please keep Jeem in your thoughts and prayers as he recuperates.
- Leslie – KC8YZI will be working with Jay – N8IPO to record some new greetings on the repeaters.
- ARRL Sideband DX competition this weekend. Its starts 7:00PM EST Friday and continues for 48hours. Good luck and good DX.
- Skywarn Training scheduled for March 12th. at Miami Valley Hospital, Berry Women's Pavilion from 9:00AM-12 and an advanced class to follow.

Steve Whitefield – K3ERN announced that this will be his last MARA Club Meeting. Steve has accepted a position with the City of Columbia South Carolina. He felt that this would be an excellent opportunity for them for economic reasons. Steve also said, “The weather isn’t too bad either.”

**Steve has been an integral part of the Mound Amateur Radio Association in so many ways for many years. His radio knowledge, energy and Club history have helped our organization grow and stay alive.
Good luck to Steve and Gale on their next adventure.**

Best of 73’s Steve!

**The gavel was passed and the meeting was closed at 7:53PM.
The next stated meeting will be April 6, 2011 at 7:00PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,
Ken Jennings – AC8AV – Secretary**