

MOUND AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION – MEETING MINUTES

November 2, 2011

The November meeting of the M.A.R.A. Club was called to order at the Mound Clubhouse at 7:00pm by President Jack Melke – KM8N.

Members present – 13

Jack – KM8N, Brent – KD8DGE, Dick – WB8MMW, Ken – AC8AV, Claude – KC8TFY, Carl – WD8NHK, Dale – KD8HFM, Matt – AC8HM, Mike – W8BSI, Tom – W8WGT, Sam – WA8VIW, Harry – AC8G, Mike – K8MJH

Guest - 1

Rob Flory – KA5RUC, MOCOARES EC

Ken – AC8AV Secretary read the October 5th, meeting minutes. A motion was made to accept, seconded and passed with no corrections.

Dick – WB8MMW Treasurer reported the financials as follows:

CHECKING	468.96
SAVINGS	749.32
MONEY MKT	1516.00
TOTAL	\$2734.28

The Treasurer's report was accepted, seconded and passed as reported.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Equipment Manager – Jay – N8IPO was not present but emailed his report, read by Jack – KM8N.**

147.195 MHz repeater is back on the air. Power amp is outputting about 50watts. Duplexers have been adjusted with thanks to Glen of P&R Comm and DARA. SWR is still a concern as it is 2:1 with the amp on and 1:7 with it off. Cause of the high SWR needs investigated. I need to install a new small section of LDF4-50A hardline (N-N connectors) from the top of the tower hardline to the antenna. This section is ready to go up and will replace a section of RG-8 and a UHF to N adapter.

Future repeater needs / wants:

New exciter, I have one that I'll donate to the club.

New amplifier, need one. Looking for about 3W in and 100W out. This needs to be a repeater type amp for continuous duty. New is ~ \$700 to \$1300.

If we can get the Station Master antenna repaired, re-install it this spring.

- **Club Activities Chair – Carl - WD8NHK has planned a MARA Breakfast at the Golden Corral, Saturday November 12th. at 9:30AM. The Golden Corral Buffet is located at 8870 Kingsridge Drive, Miamisburg, Ohio. There will be a November 16th Operating Night at the Mound Clubhouse starting at 7:00PM.**
- **Emergency Response Chairs – Jack KM8N & Dale KD8HFM attended the October Montgomery County ARES Meeting. Rob Flory has assumed the responsibility of EC for**

MoCoARES. Rob joined us at the meeting and gave a presentation regarding what is going on at MoCoARES. MARA wished him good luck and accepted his appreciation for the monetary donation MARA made to MoCoARES. The 146.640MHz antenna has a new home on the Channel 16 Tower at 800'. This has made a great improvement in propagation for the surrounding area. There will be a PL tone added in the near future. The Regional Dispatch Center has offered office space for both MoCoARES and SKYWARN in their facility at the Mound Technology Park. This is an important move as the old facility is located in an old firehouse that is slated for demolition. The Dayton & Cincinnati Red Cross organizations have merged into one. The FEMA and Comm Level courses are not required now to be a member of ARES, but there probably will be restrictions on your level of participation in emergency events with the Red Cross or FEMA. MoCoARES is seeking members and ARES members to fill multiple positions in the organization. There is now a UHF repeater 444.250MHz for use by ARES. MoCoARES Net is on Tuesday Nights at 8PM on 146.640MHz. Please check out the MoCoARES website <http://mocoares.com/> for more information of all activities.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Jack – KM8N thanked all the MHS Football volunteers for parking the buses and traffic control at the MHS home games.**
- **HOHOHO - MARA Christmas Bowling and Pizza Party is scheduled for Saturday December 3rd beginning at Poelking Lanes at 6PM. After bowling we will move to Marion's Piazza up the street on Kingsridge Drive for the Christmas Party at 9PM. Please email or call Jack ASAP for your reservations and the kids age & sex so the Elves know what presents to make and bring.**
- **MARA nomination of Officers. Dale - & Carl have been busy canvassing members and officers for nominations. If you are interested in filling a position please contact Dale or Carl or just come to the December stated meeting.**

NEW BUSINESS

- **Dale - KD8HFM and Jack – KM8N met with Ryan Davis, MSBG Parks & Recreation Manager to discuss the upcoming 50th Anniversary MARA Special Events program at Mound Park. Ryan believes that if the Flea Market is restricted to non-vendors that we would be able to use the park for the event. MMCIC doesn't want to let MARA use the parking lot due to some liability concern, so this will be a benefit keeping it at the park. They have agreed to let us have all the facilities for this one day event, along with not restricting park users also. Jack explained Miamisburg's Banner program for the announcement of this event. We would be able to have a banner made for this and future park events that would be placed over E. Central Avenue prior to the event. The cost of this type of banner could exceed \$350.00. The plus would be we could use the banner for future MARA Amateur Radio events at Mound Park. Jack and Dale ask Ryan if the City could place some gravel in the parking area next to the Club House as it is mainly dirt these days. Ryan thought that may be accomplished in the future. Also Ryan thought he could get a phone line placed in the Clubhouse for emergency & safety concerns.**

Jack will contact the Mayor Church and see if a proclamation could be made for the 50th Special Event.

The gavel was passed and the meeting was closed at 8:02PM.

The next Stated Meeting of the MARA Club will be December 7th at 7:00PM

The Executive Board meets at 6:30PM prior to the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Jennings- AC8AV Secretary