

MOUND AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION – MEETING MINUTES

December 7, 2011

The December 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 – 15

Jack – KM8N, Dick – KB8MMW, Ken – AC8AV, Dale – KD8HFM, Gail – KD8CXB, Claude – KC8TFY, Leslie – KC8YZI, Carl – WD8NHK, Harry – AC8G, Matt – AC8HM, Mike – WA8VMR, Mike – K8MJH, John – AA8PB, Tom – KC8TZW, Joe – NC8D

Ken – AC8AV Secretary read the November 2, 2011 meeting minutes. A motion was made to accept, seconded and passed with no corrections.

Dick – WB8MMW Treasurer reported the financials as follows:

CHECKING	548.96
SAVINGS	749.57
MONEY MKT	<u>1516.31</u>
TOTAL	\$2814.84

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

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Equipment Manager – Jay – N8IPO was not present, no report.**
- **Club Activities Chair – Carl – WD8NHK has planned a Club Operating Night, Wednesday December 14th. beginning at 6:30PM. The next MARA Club Dinner will be Monday January 16th at 6:30PM at Bullwinkle’s Top Hat Bistro. This is Hamburger Night as the special. Bullwinkle’s is located at 19 N. Main St. Miamisburg, Ohio, 45342. Carl will sent out a reminder email for this event, so mark your calendars as this is a fun club event.**
- **Emergency Response Chair – Jack – KM8N & Dale – KD8HFM. There is no December MOCOARES Meeting. Jack will contact Rob Flory, MOCOARES EC to see when they will move into the new offices at the Montgomery County Regional Dispatch Center. Jack talked to Bill White about the security passes for the Kettering health Network for MARA volunteer radio operators. Jack discussed the need and benefit of the passes for emergency responders at Sycamore Hospital. There will be requirements that the volunteers must meet before these passes are issued. We will need TB screening, safety & security training for the KMC Network, Privacy of Communications etc. as we will be treated the same as any volunteer that works in their system. Jack is planning to have a couple of the winter meetings at Sycamore Medical Center as in the past due to weather concerns. Also this will give us a chance to test and train on the KMC’s radio/communication equipment. The next MOCOARES Meeting will be on February 28th at 7:00PM at the Miami Township Headquarters building on Lyons Rd. Please remember to check in on the MOCOARES Net, every Tuesday night at 8PM. On frequency 146.640 MHz.**

OLD BUSINESS

- **MARA Annual Christmas Party - We all thanked Jack for all his personal effort to make this annual event such a success. The kids and the adults had a great time bowling and the pizza at Marion's that followed was great as always.**
- **Nomination and Election of Officers – Dick Taylor – KB8MMW has decided to step down as Treasurer for 2012. He has held this position for many years and is one of MARA's hard working volunteers in so many functions. We all thanked Dick for his past service to MARA and best of 73. Dale Huber – KD8HFM was nominated and voted in as Treasurer, all other officers were reelected for 2012. Congrats to Jack, Brent, Ken and Dale!**
- **MARA 50th Anniversary Special Events- Jack passed around some examples of the Special Event Certificates and the QSL Card mailers to the members to view and comment. Plans are to send out the QSL mailers to local Amateurs to advertise the events and spur interest in our club. A decision to purchase a banner for the City of Miamisburg to display over Central Avenue and Heinicke Road before the Mound Park event was discussed. Jack will contact the Parks 7 Recreation manager to nail down an agreement at the Mound Park area for the Flea market, parking etc. in the near future so we can advertise the event.**

NEW BUSINESS

- **Dayton Hamvention – John – AA8PB will secure our parking spots for the Flea Market as he always does, Thanks John!**
- **We are still having trouble with the clubhouse HF beam. Jack and Carl tested the beam a few weeks back with Jack's rented lift. They found loose screws (factory) on the traps. This is causing the SWR to be all over the dial. They were able to take apart the traps and replace the screws with larger ones, but this design is prone to future problems. Jack has a plan to retrofit the traps with a machine screw design to replace the self tapping screws that work loose due to wind vibration. Also the end caps on the traps have a vent hole that lets water in, so other fixes are in store for this issue.**
- **MARA Shirts & Jackets – We will be ordering Club shirts again. There will be a choice of MARA Navy Blue Jackets, Short Sleeve Navy Blue Shirts, Emergency Yellow Short Sleeve Shirts and Long Sleeve Mock Turtle Navy Blue Shirts. All of these items we have trialed and tested and look nice for all our functions. Please contact Jack for ordering ASAP.**
- **10 Meter Contest this weekend**
- **Remote Power Switch for the Drake L7 Amplifier. – Carl – WD8NHK is going to make a remote power switch for the L7 Amp, as the power toggle switches are no longer available.**

The gavel was passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:12PM.

The next stated meeting of the MARA Club will be January 4, 2012 at 7:00PM

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

**Respectfully submitted,
Ken Jennings – AC8AC Secretary**