

## MOUND AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION – MEETING MINUTES

January 6, 2010

The January meeting of the MARA Club was called to order at 7:00PM by President Jack Melke KM8N

Members present: (10)

Jack – KM8N / Brent – KD8DGE / Ken – AC8AV / Steve – K3ERN / Gail – KD8CXB / Claude – KC8TFY / Carl – WD8NHK / Dale - KD8HFM / Mike – K8MJH / Tom – W8WGT

Ken- AC8AV, Secretary read the December meeting minutes. The minutes were accepted with no changes.

Ken – AC8AV read the Treasurer’s report as Dick Taylor- KB8MMW wasn’t able to attend.

Treasurers’ report as follows:

Checking	\$739.00
Savings	\$746.80
Money Mkt.	<u>\$861.27</u>
Total	\$2347.27

Standing Committee Reports:

[Equipment Manager](#) – N8IPO (Jay) emailed his report. There is no equipment on loan. Jay suggested creating a new policy for loaning equipment to the membership. Jack (KM8N) has created several proposals for the members to discuss.

[Emergency Response Chair](#) - KD8AIZ (John) was not in attendance. No report.

[Tower Installation Chair](#) – WA8VIW (Sam) was not in attendance. Jack –KM8N would like to have a meeting with the City to discuss Mound Park issues that may affect future wire antenna projects.

[Club Activities Chair](#) – KD8CXB (Gail) reported that the Annual Christmas Bowling & Pizza Party had a total of 47 with 18 MARA Members in attendance. Thanks Gail, another great event.

The next upcoming activity will be, Breakfast at the Golden Corral, [Saturday February 20<sup>th</sup>](#), Dayton Mall location. A future email will be sent to confirm time and date.

Ron’s Pizza and Beer is in the plans for [Tuesday March 16<sup>th</sup>](#). keep the date open, email to follow.

The MARA Club Meeting for April 7<sup>th</sup> will be held at EL Rancho Grande Mexican Restaurant in Germantown. We will have a room reserved for the meeting. Directions and times will be sent out in a future email.

OLD BUSINESS & NEW BUSINESS:

- MARA Dues have not been paid by all members. Please mail to: MARA, PO BOX 1262, MIAMISBURG, OH 45343-1262 or remit to a Club Officer ASAP. To remain active all dues are to be paid before March 2<sup>nd</sup>, which in the by-laws is 60 days from the beginning of the new fiscal year.
- An operational Log for the club house is to be used and the licensed operator is to log his or her call when using the club facilities, FCC requirement. The Log will be at the HF Station.
- A proposal to have a paper log book when entering and exiting the club house was made and will be discussed by the membership at the next meeting.
- Proposals to generate new members: Personal contact, handing out MARA QSL cards, mass mailings of QSL cards with invitation to meetings or activities to local Hams listed on the FCC website. We need your input.
- Ham-fest in Miamisburg, sponsored by MARA. Emailing local clubs to field the interest.
- Xenia Skywarn sponsors an Ohio River Road Runners marathon April 11<sup>th</sup>. If we provide some assistance with the race, would they help us with the Tour d'Burg?
- Gail –KD8CXB brought to the clubs attention that per article 2, Sect 10 of the bylaws that the recent election ballots need to be attended to if the vote is not contested. A motion was made by K3ERN (Steve) that the recent election of officer's ballots now be destroyed. The motion was seconded and passed by the membership for them to be destroyed.
- KM8N (Jack) introduced our guests, Mike and Matt Buker, WA8VMR & KI4SSW and extended our welcome and suggested that they both consider joining MARA.
- K3ERN (Steve) has invited KD8MOS (Matt) to our meetings and Matt is interested in giving a demo on D-STAR at a future meeting.

**KM8N (Jack) has put together several proposals for future discussion regarding Club owned equipment and policy for loaning this equipment. As this is our club equipment please consider this for future discussion and policy.**

PROPOSED

MARA LOG and EQUIPMENT LOANING GUIDELINES

Proposal 1

A log book will be placed by the main operating position in the club house.

**ALL CONTACTS MADE ON THE CLUB STATION MUST BE LOGGED.**

**THE OPERATOR MAKING THE CONTACT MUST SIGN THE LOG.**

**ADDITIONALLY ANY MEMBER AND OR NON MEMBER ENTERING THE CLUB HOUSE OUT OF NORMAL MEETING OR CLUB ACTIVITY WHEN KEY ACCESSING, MUST SIGN THE LOG BOOK ON THE NEXT AVAILABLE LINE AND GIVE REASON FOR VISIT.**

Why are we doing this? For radio use it simply **FCC requires it.**

As far as the visits we want to track the use of the facility.”

#### Proposal 2A

Club equipment will not be loaned to anyone for any purpose no exception.”

#### Proposal 2B

Equipment comprising the MARA main operating stations IS NOT AVAILABE to be loan.

Only equipment that is not part of one of the clubs operating stations will be available for loan.

The loan of this equipment will be to members only and must be documented on an equipment loan form and authorized by the club’s equipment manager or one of the executive committee. The borrowed equipment must be verified to be operational before being lent and upon its return. Borrower **IS** finically responsible for the safe return of the equipment. Borrower is not allowed to lend the equipment to anyone else not even a fellow club member without first returning it to the club and having it properly checked in.”

Why am I proposing this? Club property is just that, jointly held property not any one person. I have heard several stories about items being lent and not returning and in the eyes of the borrower becoming part of their station, or being return broken. Club equipment should be available at the club house for everyone’s use. Short term loans like for a week or less is OK but the borrowed equipment should be returned as soon as possible and in working order.

PLEASE feel free to comment on the two proposals. Proposal 1 can be reworded as can either A or B of proposal 2.

PLEASE attend the next club meeting if you want to add to this discussion.

Jack Melke KM8N

Next MARA Club meeting will be held February 3<sup>rd</sup> at Sycamore Hospital, 4000 Miamisburg-Centerville Rd., Miamisburg, Ohio. The meeting will be at 7PM and we will meet in Dining Room #1. This will give us the chance to see the Emergency Radio Communication equipment used by Montgomery Co. ARES for Sycamore Hospital Emergency Response.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Jennings, MARA Secretary – AC8AV

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