

MOUND AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION – MEETING MINUTES

February 3, 2010

The February meeting of the MARA Club was called to order at 7:00PM at the Sycamore Medical Center EMCOM room by President Jack Melke, KM8N.

Members present: (16) and (1) Guest

Jack- KM8N / Brent – KD8DGE / Ken – AC8AV / Dick – KB8MMW / Gail – KD8CXB / Steve – K3ERN / Sam – WA8VIW / Jay – N8IPO / Claude – KC8TFY / Leslie – KC8YZI / Dale – KD8HFM / Harry – AC8G / John – AA8PB / Joe - KA8VMA / Mike – K8MJH / Tom – W8WGT / Jason - W8SNO / Guest, Mike – WA8VMR

Ken – AC8AV, Secretary read the January meeting minutes. The members motioned, seconded and passed with no objections or corrections.

Dick – KB8MMW, Treasurer reported the financials as follows:

Checking	\$739.00
Savings	\$747.27
Money Mkt.	<u>\$861.99</u>
Total	\$2348.26

The members motioned, seconded and passed with no objections or corrections.

Standing Committee Reports

- Equipment Manager, (Jay) – N8IPO had no updates. Jack – KM8N added that on the Tuesday night MOCRES ARES net that our 145.330Mhz repeater had been down for maintenance issues, but was turned on just in time for the set drill to move to 145.330. Jay had brought it back online just in time.
- Activities Chair, (Gail) – KD8CXB reported that the next club activity would be, *Breakfast at the Golden Corral February 20th* at the Dayton Mall location. Gail will post an email to provide the time and to confirm.

Ron's Pizza and Beer Night, March 16th, Main Street, Miamisburg. Watch for the email to confirm time and date. Gail will need to know how many will be coming for reservation of the tables, so talk it up!

April 7th. MARA Club stated meeting at *El Rancho Grande Mexican Restaurant in Germantown*. Gail will have a room reserved for us to “eat and meet”. Keep an eye open for details in email.

- **Tower Chair, (Sam) – WA8VIW discussed placing an 80m vertical and cabling from the clubhouse to the antenna. Stating that it would be nice to have it completed by Field Day. The membership discussed some details of the logistics and volunteerism abounded. Claude – KC8TFY added that the City of Miamisburg recently did some tree trimming and removal in the park near the clubhouse, that could have a positive effect on the placement of wire antennae etc.
Jack – KM8N and Sam suggested that those interested should get together to discuss the plans over refreshments in the near future.**

Old Business

- **MARA Club membership dues need to be paid by March 2nd to be in good standing and as an active member. Ken – AC8AV commented that for the club to prosper and to be able to retain our affiliation with the ARRL we need to remind those members that have not been able to make the meetings or are not reachable by email that the deadline is near.**
- **Jack – KM8N discussed the proposals that were posted in the January minutes regarding using a Log Book for entrance to the Club House. This Log would be used for entrance and exit to the building for purposes outside Club Scheduled Activities. The Operation Log could be used vs. having a separate Log book. The membership discussed how it would be “managed” and as other HAM functions it would be on the “Honor System”. The purpose of the Log, Jack stated is to keep track of activity for security and for the City of Miamisburg if they wanted to have an idea how much the building is being used.
A motion was made, seconded and passed by the Membership to have and use the Log when entering and exiting the Club House.**

Proposal to loan or not loan MARA Club Equipment.

Jack – KM8N and Jay – N8IPO will get together to create a list of equipment that is non-operating station (HF–VHF–UHF Radios, tuners, power supplies, amps, meters, microphones, keys and test equipment) as the operating stations and equipment are not to be loaned or removed from the building without permission by the Equipment Manager or Executive Board. Jay - N8IPO also stated that the MARA Bylaws would have to change if the loaning of any equipment is adopted, as it is now not allowed per the By-Laws.

The membership made a motion, accepted and passed to let Jack compose new language to adopt policy to allow members to borrow from a list of

equipment that would be non-station operating equipment in the MARA By-Laws.

New Business

- Steve – K3ERN volunteered to be the Membership Chair and Jack – KM8N agreed to co-chair this position. Mailing MARA QSL cards to local Hams inviting them to join us for future club events and meetings was one suggestion.
- Xenia Skywarn has agreed to reciprocate field help for events such as the Tour-d-Burg in Maimisburg for MARA's help on April 11th for the Ohio River Roadrunner's Marathon in Xenia. Jack- KM8N can provide some car pooling for those needing transportation to the event. This kind of coordination could be good for both organizations now and in the future.
- Mound Museum visit – Jack – KM8N will contact the Museum at the Mound to see if we could use their facility as the March stated meeting location. Dale – KD8HFM suggested that we could have a "special events station" to commemorate the Mound Museum as an important figure in the local history. If the meeting location changes for March an email will be sent notifying the membership.
- A Ham-fest sponsored by MARA was discussed and the possibility of the use of the Mound facility parking lot was tossed around.
- *MARA wins "The OHIO STATE PARK ON THE AIR CONTEST 2009"*. Steve – K3ERN congratulated the participants on the great job this last year at Cowan Lake State Park C.G. and all were in favor of doing it again for 2010. The club won the prize for most QSO's awarding MARA with a "DX Engineering 80m Dipole". Great job campers and operators!! The campers agreed to try to get the same reservations for the upcoming dates, so get your camping gear ready.
- Dayton Hamvention 2010 – Dale – KD8HFM suggested we start forming a committee to go through the club house attic and organize what will go the Hamvention flea market and clean up the storage area. Volunteers agreed to gather on a future date to get the stuff organized and boxed. This will be further discussed at the March stated meeting.
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The next MARA Club meeting will be held on March 3rd at 7:00PM, executive board to meet ½ hour prior to the meeting. The location of the meeting will be updated by email or listen to the 147.195 MHz repeater on the 3rd for updates.

The gavel was passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:56PM.

Dale – KD8HFM conducted a slide presentation of function of Sycamore Medical Center's EMCOM room and the MARCS Trunking system along with the 2m and 70cm radios to the club following the meeting. Excellent Dale!

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Jennings, MARA Secretary – AC8AV

