

MOUND AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION – MEETING MINUTES

March 3, 2010

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

Members present: (15) and (1) guest

Jack – KM8N, Dick – KB8MMW, Ken – AC8AV, Gail – KD8CXB, Sam – WA8VIW, Steve – K3ERN, Jay – N8IPO, Claude – KC8TFY, Leslie – KC8YZI, John – AA8PB, Eleanor – N8OVR, Mike – K8MJH, Carl – WD8NHK, Bill – W8LIL, Joe – KA8VMA, Guest: Matt – KD8MOS

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

Dick – KB8MMW, Treasurer reported the financials as follows:

Checking	\$696.50
Savings	\$747.27
Money Mkt.	<u>\$861.99</u>
Total	\$2305.76

The members motioned. Seconded and passed with no objections or corrections.

Standing Committee Reports

- Equipment Manager, (Jay) – N8IPO had nothing to report.
- Activities Chair, (Gail) – KD8CXB reported that the next upcoming event will be [Ron's Pizza and Beer night on March 16th @6:30PM](#). Gail will need confirmation of attendees by March 12th. Gail as always will send an email to confirm.

[The MARA Club April meeting will be held at El Rancho Grande Mexican Restaurant in Germantown on April 7th](#). Watch your inbox for times dates and locations. Gail will need confirmation so she can make reservations for the room.

There will be a [“Shack Cleaning and Organizing Party”](#) for preparation of the Dayton Hamvention on [Saturday March 27th @10:00AM](#). We will be going through the attic and shack so wear your work clothes to help out on the fund raising event. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

- Trustee's report, (Steve) – N8DNG communicated that the noise on the 145.330 MHz repeater is originating from another repeater, followed by discussion by the members.
- Emergency Response Chair, (John) – KD8AIZ was not present, no report.

- Tower Installation, (Sam) – WA8VIW discussed the planning for a vertical (80 or 160m) is in the planning stage. And there was discussion of placing radials.
- Membership Chair, (Steve) – K3ERN is planning to put together a letter and a video to encourage new membership.

Old Business

- Club Dues were due on March 2nd, per the by-laws. Jack, KM8N read the names of paid and non-paid members, hoping that contact could be made to keep all members in good standing. Access to the Club House and voting privileges are to be suspended per the MARA by-laws. Let's see if we can encourage our friends to stay current with the dues.
- Operating Policies – Jack, KM8N read the modified proposals for Article XIII. They will be read and motioned at the next stated meeting.
- [Assisting Xenia Skywarn with the Marathon on Sunday April 11th @ 7AM](#) leaving from Miamisburg. This is a coordinated event with Skywarn where they have agreed to help with Tour D Burg. Jack will email for times and directions.
- Mound Museum has been notified and has interest in MARA having a Special Event Station to commemorate the Mound in our areas history. There was discussion on the Museum event such as getting a “special event call”, and how we would coordinate the effort, duration of event and date and times. More to come!
- Steve, K3ERN read the Award and presented the Award plaque and the DX Engineering Di-Pole kit to the club. MARA club members camped and operated at Cowen Lake State Park CG last September and won the OHIO STATE PARKS ON THE AIR CONTEST with flying colors. This was quite an achievement and plans are made for the 2010 contest. Congrats to the campers and operators!

New Business

- Jack, KM8N is pursuing possible grants from the DP&L Foundation. These grants in the past have helped the City of Miamisburg with projects that the DP&L has provided funding related to electrical projects. Jack will compose a letter to ask the foundation for this kind of help with our park club house antenna projects. Jack discussed some maintenance issues such as painting of the clubhouse windows and other projects with Mr. Voss of the City of Miamisburg. Due to budget issues, the parking area will not be paved in 2010. Steve, K3ERN had previously discussed the club doing some landscaping around the club with Mr. Voss and he was receptive of the project.
- Training at Sycamore Hospital on the EMcomm radio equipment was proposed to Bill White by Dale, KD8HFM. The session would be about an hour to get more familiar with the particular radios. Also Dale will look into CPR training availability for the staff at Sycamore if members are interested.
- Bill, W8LIL gave us an update of his wife's health condition and advised us that they will be moving from the Miamisburg area to be closer to family. Best of wishes and our thoughts and

prayers were past to their family. We ask Bill to keep us informed and let us have his contact information so we can keep in touch.

- John, AA8PB is revving up for the 2010 Dayton Hamvention. John provided the forms for selling at the flea market and the MARA booth will be #918 & #919. The GPS coordinates N39°49.307' W84°15.454'.
- Matt, KD8MOS to demonstrate D-Star following the stated meeting .

The gavel was passed and the meeting was adjourned by President Jack Melke , KM8N at 8:20PM.

Matt – KD8MOS presented the club with a great D-Star presentation with a Q&A session following. Thanks Matt, hope to see more of you in the future.

Respectfully submitted by,

Ken Jennings, MARA Secretary – AC8AV