

## MOUND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

January 7, 2009 Meeting

The January meeting of the MARA Club was called to order at 7 PM by club President - Steve K3ERN.

Those in attendance were K3ERN - Steve, KD8CXB - Gail, KM8N - Jack, KC8TFY - Claude, WA8VIW - Sam, KD8HFM - Dale, KD8DGE - Brent, KC8ZAX - Bob and WD8NHK - Carl. AC8AV - Ken was unable to attend but did check-in via radio.

Summary of December meeting minutes were read and approved by members present.

Treasurer's Report was reported by K3ERN - Steve as KB8MMW - Dick was unable to attend.

Checking \$ 343.03

Savings \$ 744.00

Money Mkt. \$ 856.28

TOTAL: \$1943.31

Approval of report was tabled as this was 2nd month in row that NO official statement was provided.

### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Equipment Manager - N8IPO - Jay was not at meeting. E-mail was sent and read to members via Steve - K3ERN: Report as read: 195 repeater - Repaired the Power Amp. Both output transistors were damaged. Reset the power output from 75 Watts to 40 Watts. This was done to see if we can increase life of the amp. Last set of transistors lasted 6 years. 330 Repeater - Visited the site and found outside door to the roof wide open. The repeater is next to this door. Could not recreate the problem of a noise. Monitoring this repeater to see if the problem comes back.

Club Activities - KD8CXB - Gail - Thanked everyone who came to the Christmas Party a total of 17 club members for a total including family members of 42 people were present. Reported that their would be a club breakfast and would send e-mail announcing date, which will be Saturday January 31st at Golden Corral - we will meet around 9:15 AM. Hope to see everyone.

Emergency Response Chair - KD8AIZ - John was not at meeting. Everyone was reminded of the ARRL EMCOMM Level One course starting January 10th.

Tower Installation Chair - WA8VIW - Sam - nothing to report, just mentioned that club needed to be thinking about the installation of the telephone poles. Jack - KM8N offered to buy the club a carolina antenna - Steve is supposed to get w/ Doug from City of Miamisburg about what we can do with regards to the telephone poles.

OLD Business:

Steve - K3ERN advised those in attendance that the City of Miamisburg had given approval of the Lease thru 2018.

Dues - no decision made - Still waiting on budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hamfest - Decision and committee formation - Jack - KM8N will check with the city to see if we could have it at Mound Lab - Steve said he talked w/ John - KD8AIZ and perhaps we could have the hamfest in July. Jack advised that the Miamisburg Newspaper would help w/ advertising.

Jack - KM8N advised that there would be a picture of the Tower in the Miamisburg Newspaper week of January 12th also would appear in the Hometown paper. He also reported that the DOE Tower was ours if we wanted to take it down. He is still waiting to see what we have to do.

Club was told about upcoming hamfest in Manafield would be 2/15.

We had a visitor attend our meeting tonight: Carl - WD8NHN, lives in West Carrollton and has been listening to our Monday night nets and has even checked in. Welcome Carl, hope to see you back.

A star goes out to KC8TFY - Claude "for sure" because of his ability to get new Monday night check in's to attend our club meetings.

We had several members renew their club dues:

Steve - K3ERN gave \$20.00

Bob - KD8ZAK gave \$12.00

Dale - KD8HFM gave \$12.00

Gail - KD8CXB gave \$12.00

Sam - WA8VIW gave \$12.00

Meeting adjourned at 8 PM next meeting will be held February 4, 2009 at 7:00PM