

MOUND AMATEUR Radio
February 12, 2009 Meeting

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

Those in attendance were KD8CXB, WA8VIW, KM8N, KC8YZI, KC8TFY, K3ERN, KA8VMA, W8WGR, W8BSI, KD8ZAX, N8SSE, AC8AV, WD8NHK, KB8MMW, KD8FIZ, NV8E, KD8DGE as well as 9 family members.

KD8CXB ask everyone in attendance if they had received the newsletter regarding the January Club Meeting, all in attendance said yes....the minutes were accepted by those in attendance with no changes.

Treasurer's Report was reported by KB8MMW.

Checking	\$192.50
Savings	\$745.41
Money Mkt	\$857.70
Total:	\$1795.61

Motion was made to accept report- all in attendance moved to accept.

Standing Committee Reports:

Equipment Manager - N8IPO was not present at meeting. K3ERN reported that the 195 and 330 repeaters were up and working.

Club Activities Chair - KD8CXB reported that at the Jan 31 Club Breakfast there were 22 MARA members along with family. Advised that there would be another club breakfast to be held Saturday, March 21st at the Golden Corral located behind the Dayton Mall on Kingsridge. We will meet around 9:15 AM.

Emergency Response Chair - KD8AIZ was not at the meeting. K3ERN ask W8BSI if he had anything to report on the EMCOMM Classes. Mike reported that 7 people took the Level 1 class all passed. There were 4 people that took the Level 2 class and I believe reported that 2 passed. They are modifying Level 3.

Antenna Construction Chair - WA8VIW had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS;

K3ERN advised everyone that he had meet with the City of Miamisburg CONCERNING WIRE ANTENNA SUPPORTS and the location of the telephone poles the club could put up in the park. One could go by the road, club house and restroom area. City wants to go ahead with work as it will tie in with the Historical Society project going on. Gary - W8WGR will contact his friend who may be able to get us the poles.

The City would not be able to help us, we would have to do the digging and placement of the poles.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion regarding the possibility of having a Hamfest at the Mound weekend after July 4th (July 11th). John Reid - KD8AIZ will be chair person over this project. Jack - KM8N will check with his contacts at the City regarding the possibility of having it in the lower parking lot of Mound.

KM8N also advised that he would be doing a phone interview Friday 10 AM with someone from the Dayton Daily Newspaper regarding our Antenna Tower. Should be in the paper next week.

KM8N advised that the Old Antenna at the Mound could not be taken down by the club. We would have to work with the contractor. He also answered Dale's -KD8HFM questions regarding the Generator. This belongs to DOE and we can't have it.

KM8N also brought up the fact that we needed to raise our dues. He also suggested that changes be made to the by-laws regarding becoming a member and that in order to become a member perhaps they should attend at least 4 club meetings, volunteer at a club event (i.e. Tour d'Burg, Spring Fling or helping with the Miamisburg Football games. K3ERN suggested that he call Bob Rosell who helped with the re-write of the by-laws last year 4/12/07. Steve wants to keep him in the loop.

KA8VMA - Joe request that everyone check into the Web Site W8DYY/DNN.org. He and Steve have put a lot of work in updating the site. Joe has purchased and donated a program that allows him to add pictures of club activities to the web site. They have the calendar up-to-date and the Constitution and By-Laws have been loaded on the web site. Steve is adding the club minutes to the web site. So everyone needs to visit the site. Joe has put a lot of his time and money into making this a good site for our club. Please check in and register on the site.

W8WGR - Gary and Erica have offered to have a club cookout at their home in Germantown. This will coincide with the Dayton HamVention (May 15, 16 & 17th). They currently have one for some of their friends and now they have been generous in inviting the MARA Club members. This will be held the Friday or Saturday after the hamfest closes. It will be a covered dish affair. WA8VIW has offered to bring the fluid...ha... There will be more to come with reference to this, so please keep this in mind. As I get information from Gary and Erica I will get an e-mail with particulars out to everyone. The number one question would be which night would be better for everyone Friday or Saturday. Think about it.

The club voted in a new member tonight - Carl Hibbard - WD8NHN - He lives in West Carrollton and his wife (Judy) attended the meeting with him. Welcome Carl and Judy.

Let me finish my notes with a big thank you to the 26 club members and family members who attended this special club meeting which was held at the Hacienda Grande restaurant in West Carrollton. We had a great turn out and I believe that everyone had a good time. Every once in a while it is good to try something new. It seems that when you have food....people come out of the woodwork....ha..ha. I thank everyone.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM. Next club meeting will be Wednesday March 4, 2008 7:00PM at our MARA Club house located at 900 Mound Ave. Hope to see everyone there.