

Mound Amateur Radio
April 1, 2009

The April meeting of the MARA Club was called to order at 7:05 PM by club President – Steve – K3ERN.

Those in attendance were KC8TZW (Tom), W8BSI (Mike), KD8CXB (Gail), AC8G (Harry), KC8TFY (Claude), KU8A (John), KC8YIH (Karen), KA8VMA (Joe), K8WC (Bob), AA8GV (Rick), WD8NHK (Carl), N8IPO (Jay), K3ERN (Steve) and KB8MMW (Dick).

Secretary's Report – KD8CXB (Gail) – read March Minutes which were accepted by those in attendance with no changes.

Treasurer's Report was given by KB8MMW (Dick): At end of the meeting:

Checking:	\$ 432.50
Savings:	\$ 745.41
Money Mkt:	<u>\$ 858.06</u>
TOTA:	\$2035.97

Treasurer's report was not accepted by members present as report was given as gavel was being passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Equipment Manager: N8IPO (Jay) – Reported only that the 195 and 330 machines are currently working properly. Still needs to do inventory of club equipment.

Club Activities Chair: KD8CXB (Gail) – Reported that there was a total of 23 club members including family members who attended the club breakfast on March 21st at Golden Corral. Reported that the next "Ohio State Parks On the Air Contest" will be held weekend of September 12th & 13th. If the club wishes to participate this year, Gail will send a separate e-mail with information and start taking a poll on club members wishing to participate. The next club activity will be during month of April, club will have a "Pizza & Beer" night at Ron's Pizza in Miamisburg, OH. Dates and times to follow under separate e-mail, so watch your e-mail.

Emergency Response Chair – KD8AIZ (John) – Was unable to stay for the meeting but left information for club president regarding MARA Repeater Agreement, also reminded club that our Post Office Box renewal was due April 30, 2009. K3ERN (Steve) – ask members present how many had completed the ARES, FEMA, CPR & 1st Aid courses. E-mail will be sent out to club members asking who has completed Level 1 & Level 2 (ARES), FEMA courses 100, 200, 700 & 800, also who has taken CPR & 1st Aid Classes.

Tower Installation Chair – WA8VIW (Sam) – Was unable to attend meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dues – Move to increase: K3ERN (Steve) Discussion was held regarding the survey taken by KD8CXB (Gail) regarding three Options made available to members concerning raising of dues. Was reported that out of 27 members who responded to survey there were 18 members who chose Option 2 meaning dues would be \$20 for 18 yrs+ and \$12 for 17 yrs and younger by January 2010. A motion was made to accept Option 2, 2nd motion was made to table for this meeting but that we will be voting at

next club meeting May 6th, 2009 on increasing club dues. If you have an opinion or concerns regarding dues increase then please attend next club meeting so that your voice can be heard.

Antennas – City: K3ERN (Steve) reported that his meeting with the City of Miamisburg had to be rescheduled as he was unable to make the meeting. This meeting regards placement of poles in the park. He advised that the City is okay with “Pole” going out by tree near road into park but request that the other “Poles” be put behind the club house along tree line. Looks like we may have to go with Long Wire Dipole type antennas. (After meeting Steve, Mike & Rick went outside checking out placement in discussion)

NEW BUSINESS:

Dayton Hamfest – Update: KD8CXB (Gail) reported that AA8PB (John) had ask her to report that he had received an e-mail back confirming that the Dayton Hamfest had received our paperwork for participation and flea market spaces.

Meeting Ideas: K3ERN (Steve) asked members present for them or other club members to donate time to give a presentation for future club meetings. Anyone interested in participating please give K3ERN (Steve) or KD8CXB (Gail) a call or send e-mail.

City / MARA Repeater Agreement – K3ERN (Steve) advised members that he had received the MARA Repeater Agreement from the City and it was for a five (5) year renewal.

In other business K3ERN (Steve) ask KA8VMA (Joe) to put brochure on club website for all to see and to make comments. KA8VMA (Joe) is working on development of a tri-fold brochure that the club could pass out at events which tells about the MARA organization, etc. Please take the time and check this out and make your comments.

KC8TZW (Tom) brought up the issue of making money via renewing thru ARRL site for dues. Discussion was held on proper procedure. K3ERN (Steve) will call the ARRL League to get correct procedure. It was suggested that the club treasurer was to handle the forms and renewing with the ARRL. The club can receive \$2 for renewals and \$15 for new members. So this is a viable way to bring money to our club.

Gavel was passed for comments.

Next meeting will be May 6, 2009. Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.