

# MARA MAY 6, 2009 CLUB MEETING MINUTES

## Members present:

Steve Whitefield	K3ERN
Tom Kissner	W8WGT
Jack Melke	KM8N
Harry Flasher	AC8G
Leslie Brown	KC8YZI
Claude Young	KC8TFY
Bob Molnar	KC8ZAX
Brent Clark	KD8DGE
John Beachler	N8SSE
Dale Huber	KD8HFM
Rick Gore	AA8GV
John Randolph	AA8PB
Ken Jennings	AV8AV
Sam Capper	WA8VIW
Gary Hamm	W8WGR
John Burneson	KU8A
Dick Taylor	KB8MMW
Steve Gibson	N8DNG

Steve K3ERN called the meeting to order at 1903 hours

Jack Melke read the April meeting minutes. Minutes were accepted with no changes.

Dick Taylor gave the Treasure's report:	Savings	\$745.87
	Money Market	\$858.75
	Checking	\$453.50
	Total	\$2058.12

Treasure's report was accepted with no changes.

Equipment Manager's report: Jay Framer N8IPO was not in attendance but Steve Gibson N8DNG gave a short report on the repeaters. He said that the noise on the 147 machine seems to be coming from an outside source possible another repeater. Jay N8IPO e-mailed Gail KD8CXB this report. "Sunday 4-26-09, I completed the equipment audit at the club house. I verified all equipment that is in the equipment book except a MFJ-259 SWR Analyzer."

Emergency Response Chair: John Reid was not in attendance. Steve K3ERN asked everyone to send updates as to there training in EMCOM 1 2 and the FEMA course and any CPR and first aid training to Gail KD8CXB so that the clubs data base can be kept up to date. Steve pointed out that the recent plant explosion in West Carrollton could have resulted in public officials call on the club for help and we need to know our capabilities.

Steve also urged members to get on line and complete the FEMA course and that one could print off the test then read through the material filling in the answers on the printed test then go back to the online test and fill out the answers.

Club Activities Chair Gail KD8CXB was not in attendance due to an illness. The club wishes to thank her for putting together the “BEER and PIZZA” night at Ron’s pizza last month it was great fun and attendance was good. Steve K3ERN reported that the club will probably be the only Ham club at Cowen Lake for the “Ohio State Parks on the Air Contest”. He also commented that it looks like the contest is really taking off in the amount of clubs and people participating this year. Additionally Steve said he would like to see the club run a 6 meter rig for the event.

Tower Installation Committee: Sam WA8VIW reported that the tower installation was complete and that we are waiting on the availability of phone poles for the installation of a long wire antenna. Steve K3ERN reported the City of Miamisburg Parks Department met with him last month and said that they would not allow a pole to be placed to the north of the club house near the shelter. They are willing to let us place a pole along the south fence line anywhere from the road to the Mound Golf Course fence. The overhead DP&L lines running from the rear of the club house to Mound Road make installing an antenna in that area unadvisable. The area between the club house and the golf course looks like our best bet. The club could use at least 2 or more 40 foot poles. Ken AC8AV said due to the length of run it would be better to have at least 3 poles. Jack KM8N said he has a friend who has 2 or 3 40 foot poles that he is willing to donate to the club but they will have to be inspected after the ground dries enough to get to them. Even then there remains the problem of transporting and planting the poles. Steve K3ERN said that the city will need to see a detailed plan and have the city council approve it before we can go ahead.

#### Old Business:

Dues Increase. The proposal to increase club dues was reintroduced after being tabled last month. The option of having a \$ 20 per year fee for all members 18 years old and over and \$12 for those 17 and under was the option that was the most popular with the members responding to the E-mail survey. Steve K3ERN opened the floor for discussion of the proposal. John AA8PB said it sounded good to him. A motion was made to accept that proposal and the motion was seconded. Steve K3ERN asked for a vote of all those in favor of accepting the proposal, The proposal was accepted unanimously with no dissenting votes.

#### Antennas City Update:

See Tower Committee report.

#### New Business:

Hamvention: John AA8PB reported that he had received all of the information and two vendor’s passes and one vehicle pass. He said he might be able to get one more vehicle pass. Our spaces are 918 and 919 as usual the cost was \$180 but he does not want repaid

only if the club make money. Fee for sell non-members equipment is 10% of sell price. Steve K3ERN reported that a gentleman named Larry Martin contacted him about selling his late father's rig and test equipment. Jack KM8N said that Larry had arrived at the club house about 1815 and he helped Mr. Martin unload and bring in said equipment, and that had a list of the equipment. Additionally Jack KM8N has an on air friend Jim N8LUV coming from Port Huron Michigan to the Hamvention and would also like to sell some items at our booth if possible. Steve K3ERN and John AA8PB saw no problem with this as long as he understood that the club required 10% of the selling price and that the club is not responsible for theft, loss or damage. Jack KM8N said he would mail Jim N8LUV and make sure Mr. Martin understood the terms.

**John AA8PB said that help would be needed on Thursday evening May 14 at about 1800 hours at the club house to load up and move the equipment and set up at Hara.**

Field Day Committee:

Steve K3ERN stated that its time to put together the Field Day committee. He asked about food and Dick KB8MMW said he would supply the usual items. Steve asked if we wanted to do the family picnic on Saturday evening like last year and the general consensus was yes. He volunteered to supply burgers and hotdogs as he did last year. Steve asked if anyone could bring a grill. If anyone has a grill they can bring for Field Day please let KD8CXB or K3ERN or KM8N know. No one volunteered to chair the committee.

DX Expedition

Harry Flasher AC8G reported that he and his wife would be traveling to Grenada for a DX expedition in late October of this year. There are openings available for operator and spouses the cost depending on accommodations that one choose is from \$1500 to \$1700 per person, non Ham spouse with be slight less. Anyone with an interest should contact Harry ASAP.

Gavel Passed

Next Meeting June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009

Meeting adjourned at 2000 hours