

MOUND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 3, 2009

The June meeting of the MARA Club was called to order at 7:00 PM by club President – Steve K3ERN.

Members present: (17)

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| KD8CXB | Gail |
| KA8VMA | Joe |
| KB8UEY | Rob |
| KC8TFY | Claude |
| AC8AV | Ken |
| K3ERN | Steve |
| AA8PB | John |
| W8WGR | Gary |
| KC8RNB | Ken |
| KC8ZAX | Bob |
| AA8GY | Rick |
| KD8HFM | Dale |
| N8IPO | Jay |
| W8LIL | Bill |
| KM8N | Jack |
| N8SSE | John |
| KD8LLD | Jason |

KD8CXB (Gail) read the May meeting minutes. Minutes were accepted with no changes.

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| KB8MMW (Dick) gave the Treasurer's report: | Checking | \$ 400.50 |
| | Savings | \$ 745.87 |
| | Money Mkt | <u>\$ 858.75</u> |
| TOTAL: | | \$2005.12 |

Treasurer's report was accepted with no changes.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Equipment Manger: N8IPO (Jay) – reported that all equipment was accounted for and the equipment MFJ-259 SWR Analyzer had been returned. He has not had time to check that it was working but that it had been returned.

Club Activities: KD8CXB (Gail) – Reported that due to Field Day there would not be a club activity until July. Suggestions were for a Monday thru Thursday evening meal at one of the four locations: Bullwinkle's, TJ Chumps, Marion's Pizza (no bowling) or Ron's Pizza and Beer with Joe (KA8VMA) suggesting El Rancho's (Mexican). Census of group was for me to choose a place and club would follow. Watch for e-mail regarding July activity. Reminded everyone about upcoming "Ohio State Parks on the Air Contest" to be held Sept 12 – 13 and the club would be located at the Cowen Lake State Parks again this year. Steve (K3ERN) advised that we would probably be the only club at Cowen. Steve

would like to add 6 Meters to the contest this year and reminded everyone that we came in 3rd last year. We have two members who have already reserved their sites. Steve (226) & Joe (227). You can go on to our website – www.w8dyy.org and you can download the **Cowan Lake State Park Campground** (courtesy of Joe) and you will be able to see that the location will be **Camping Area 3** and the sites that we try to get our located to the right after entering the park. I would recommend that if you are interested in going that you go on line and reserve your spot now. We will go down on Friday, September 11 and then if we have enough participation this year we could have a covered dish on Saturday. Even if you can't come and camp you could drive over on Saturday and join in the fun and bring a covered dish.

Emergency Response Chair: John (KD8AIZ) was not in attendance. K3ERN (Steve) reported that he went on line and took all of his FEMA test and suggested that you go on line and print out the test and then you can go back in and take the test. AC8AV (Ken) ask about the changes to Level 1 Steve advised that Level 1 has not changed and Level 2 and 3 will change. Urges everyone to take the test if they have the time go to FEMA.GOV and Steve will put the links on our www.w8dyy.org website.

Tower Installation Committee: WA8VIW (Sam) advised that Teddy Bare (KC8CLJ) volunteered his tractor trailer to pull a trailer if we can obtain one. Jack (KM8N) has a friend that has 3 or 4 – 40' poles and will give them to us. We then need the city to approve our plan. His brother may have a contact at DP&L and if they can see a plan and that the paperwork is in place they may come and put them up for us. Question came up regarding storing the poles; Steve (K3ERN) will contact the city to see if that would be a probable. We have to keep the poles along the tree line.

OLD BUSINESS:

Steve (K3ERN) reported that he rec'd a call from Doug who handles the water tower, he gave them a list of all the equipment because they needed that for the lease part on the tower and they were suppose to go to council with that and it was suppose to be approved by council and we should be getting our paper work for the water tower and where our repeaters are for our lease.

Hamfest – AA8PB (John) gave a report on the results for the sales. We had 4 members and one guest who sold items.

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| Club receipts: | 10% | \$124.60 |
| Club Sales | | <u>\$472.00</u> |
| | | \$596.60 |
| Cost of Booth | | <u>-140.00</u> |
| Total: | | \$456.00 |

Actual Receipts \$461.50

Congratulations went out to John for all of his hard work this year. Jack (KM8N) was the only club member that won a prize this year and it was the hourly drawings. All in all good time was had by all. Thanks were given to Sam for the use of his vehicle.

NEW BUSINESS:

Field Day: **June 27 & 28** – We have no chairman, but Jack (KM8N) & Ken (AC8AV) volunteered to co-chair this year. Jack will be in charge of the picnic on Saturday which will take place at 5 PM. Will be covered dish and Jack will send e-mail with questionnaire regarding shifts for working the radios and a list of who will bring what (food). Ken (AC8AV) asked if we would have the Club tri-fold available for the club. Steve (K3ERN) will have around 100 printed at Quickie print. He will have it done as a donation to the club. Ken (AC8AV) will provide the grill.

TOUR d'BURG: Will be Sunday, July 19th and they would really like to have around 13 people if possible. Steve (K3ERN) spoke with Jim Dunn and they really want people to be able to go out and do the 8 AM run that is out toward Eaton and they do a bike race (25 mi, 50mi and 75mi) Steve suggested that perhaps 5 of our people could do this and would be in their cars and could handle the traffic on 33 and 195 in town. They provide lunch & beverages. Concerns were mentioned about the Main Street over to the Peerless Mill area and that the people traffic was overwhelming and that we need more coverage in this area, Steve will suggest that the committee place extra people there. Was also suggested that perhaps we put a call out to Fred Stone to get in touch with other clubs that may be willing to help. Jay (N8IPO) announced that the ambulance (City of Msbg) wants the Race stopped when there was an accident, Gail (KD8CXB) advised that the race officials will not stop the race for an accident. Steve (K3ERN) will bring this to the committee's attention. Concerns were made about the Radio Communications between us being bad. Steve will check with the committee regarding the stopping of the race after a wreck and communications. He also asks if anyone else would like to attend the meeting and Gail (KD8CXB) agreed.

Jason Snowden – KD8LDD and his son attended our meeting. Jason got his license at the HamVention and currently lives in Oakwood and will soon be moving to Miamisburg across from Wantz School. His mother use to work at Mound and some members remembered her. He learned about us from the website. He filled out a club application and paid dues. We welcome him to the MARA Club. His son, Adrian, plans on taking his test in July and he would be our youngest member.

Gail (KD8CXB) inquired as to where we stand with painting the tower and putting our call on it especially for Field Day. Jack advised that he would take care of it. Dale (KD8HFM) will be placing the ARRL Field Day posters around town, Wantz School, Kroger's, Radio Shack and other places as allowed.

Ken Brown – KC8RNB came back to the club after a long absences. Welcome back to the club.

Gary (W8WGR) announced that he was now an ARRL member but had to cancel another subscription.

Gavel Passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Next club meeting will be Wednesday, July 1, 2009 7 PM.

After meeting, Joe (KA8VMA) gave a demonstration on his new Flex 3KRadio.