

MOUND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

JULY 1, 2009

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

Members present: (9)

KD8CXB	Gail
KC8TFY	Claude
AC8AV	Ken
K3ERN	Steve
N8IPO	Jay
W8LIL	Bill
KM8N	Jack
N8SSE	John
WA8VIW	Sam

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

KB8MMW (Dick) gave the Treasurer's report:	Checking	\$ 954.00
	Savings	\$ 745.87
	Money Mkt	<u>\$ 859.46</u>
	TOTAL:	\$2559.33

Treasurer's report was accepted with no changes.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Equipment Manager: N8IPO (Jay) – reported that 330 repeater has problem. Jay wants to walk thru to see if everything is connected. Jack KM8N reported the problem to Jay after Monday night net two weeks ago. 767 Yaesu is in sad shape, not receiving at all. Steve will take it home and check it out.

Club Activities: KD8CXB (Gail) – **Reported that July's activity would be held on Tuesday July 14th at Ron Pizza & Ribs at 6:30 for another "Beer & Pizza" evening. Everyone should RSVP by July 10th as I need to give Ron's a confirm count.**

July 19th Sunday is the **Tour d'Burg** event and we need at least 12 people and if we get 17 people Jim Dunn would like to put 5 people out on the 25, 50 & 75 mile course. They will feed us lunch (ham & turkey wraps). As of the meeting we have 8 club members signed up to help (N8IPO, KM8N, KD8CXB, WA8VIW, AC8AV, K3ERN, AA8GV & KB8MMW). We will meet at the Fire Station in Miamisburg in the vacant parking lot at 7:15 a.m. I have sent a call out to Randy Allen KA0AZS & Fred Stone W8LLY to post on their sites the need for help with this event.

Miamisburg High School Football schedule starts with the first game 8/28/09 against Bellbrook so keep in mind that we volunteer to help with parking for the home games. There will be 5 home games. More on the schedule will follow.

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 Cowan Lake State Parks again this year. Steve would like to add 6 Meters to the contest this year and reminded everyone that we came in 3rd last year. We have four (4) members who have already reserved their sites. Steve (226) / Joe (227) / Sam & Gail (224) & Ken & Wendy (228). 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.

Tower Installation Committee: WA8VIW (Sam) turned it over to Jack (KM8N) he reported that he got the call letters on the tower and a hearty hand applause went out to him for his work. His friend is ready to get busy to get the poles and Jack will let Sam know so we can get with Teddy Bear (KC8CLJ) to haul them up here. Once the paper work is finished then we can contact his brother who may have a contact at DP&L and get them put up.

OLD BUSINESS:

Field Day: Everyone had a good time. KC8YZI (Leslie) commented about the number of people who participated this year. N8IPO commented about the new guys getting involved KD8LDD (Jason) & WD8NHK (Carl). We had around 400 CW contacts, thanks to W8WGR (Gary) and around 300 phone and 25 digital contacts. Everyone had a good time and the food was great.

Steve (K3ERN) reported that we have a new ARRL handbook due to members renewing their membership and becoming new members of ARRL. Steve suggested to N8IPO (Jay) that we should log the book in as inventory.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jack – KM8N): Brought up for discussion about members mentioning to him the desire to have shirts, jackets and sweatshirts available for ordering with the club call sign and members call sign. He has a friend who can digitize the club emblem and perhaps calls onto the items. He had a book available for members to look over. Jack will order items for himself and bring them to the next club meeting. This is something that would be available only if the members want them. KC8TFY (Claude) would like to have yellow shirts for events that we work that would enable us to be seen.

Club voted KD8LDD (Jason) in as a MARA Club Member. Welcome Jason. Hope to see you at the next club meeting.

Gavel Passed
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

[Next club meeting will be Wednesday August 5, 2009 7 PM.](#)