

MOUND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

October 7, 2009

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

Members present: (17) and (2) visitors:

KD8CXB	Gail	WA8VIW	Sam
AA8GV	Rick	KM8N	Jack
KC8TFY	Claude	KD8TJR	“LT” Tom Reid
K8MJH	Mike	KA8VMA	Joe
AC8G	Harry	KD8AIZ	John
KD8HFM	Dale	K3ERN	Steve
KB8MMW	Dick	K8WC	Bob Rosell
W8LLY	Fred Stone	AC8AV	Ken
AA8PB	John	KD8DGE	Brent
	Chris (Eagle Scout)		

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

KB8MMW (Dick) gave the Treasurer’s report:	Checking	\$ 412.00
	Money Mkt	\$ 860.90
	Savings	<u>\$ 796.80</u>
	TOTAL:	\$2019.70

This reflects the club’s \$500.00 Insurance that had been paid. All debts for the year are paid and reminded everyone that dues were coming up.

Treasurer’s report was accepted with no changes.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Equipment Manager: N8IPO (Jay) – was not in attendance. Steve announced that Jay had recently married. Congratulations! Steve – order capacitors for the L7 amplifier and will be taking it home to repair.

Emergency Response Report: KD8AIZ (John) advised the ARES applications needed to be updated and if you wish to do things with the emergency response that these needed to be updated by Nov. 1, 2010. Several things have changed and are still in the process of being changed with the courses. John advised that out of 328 people 80 people are active. If you do not want or wish to do the training or participate you still need to update your applications or you will be put on the in-active list. John needs to be aware of your training level so that in the event of an emergency he knows what we are qualified to handle. If you need help with the classes there are 4 or 5 instructors in our club. If you should have any questions, please contact KD8AIZ. Many changes are in the works.

Antenna Installation Chair: KM8N (Jack) reported that Steve had come up with a great idea for installing antenna without upsetting our neighbors. He had talked with Doug and that Doug & Larry

would be coming up Thursday to look everything over but essentially sees no problem. The club would give one of our poles to the city and they would mount the night guard/light on pole or structure. We would ask DP&L to take power underground all the way down to bathrooms and take it off of the existing pole which de-electricifies it completely. The city wants to bore under the parking lot over to the other pole to get to the larger shelter. We would then use the pole by the restroom as a tie off for the antenna and we could put a pole on backside of the club house. Basically it is 200 ft to the pole by restrooms and then another 200+ ft to the corner and then if we do that and we are up here and DP&L is willing to do trenching could we put conduit from this building to the pole so that we could put a coax or feed so that we could go with a dipole or end feed. Then we would have some option that way it would be done. They thought that was a good idea because we would not be changing anything. The biggest problem we have is the city is interested in us having DP&L to be the ones to do the work. If anyone has any names to contact so that we could call them. This is our biggest hang up.

Club Activities Chair: KD8CXB (Gail) advised everyone that we would have a club breakfast on Saturday, October 24th at the Golden Corral around 9:30AM.

OLD BUSINESS: Steve – K3ERN reported that the “Ohio State Parks on the Air Contest” was a success; we talked with 38 parks out of 74 and had a total of 8284 points. Everyone had a great time.

Clothing: A picture was taken of the shirt while KC8TFY was our model. Shirt would have club patch, name & call embroider on –AMATEUR RADIO will be on back. Leslie has offered to do the embroidering as well as Steve’s wife could assist. Pricing would be:

Embroider	\$9.00
Shipping	\$ 6 to \$8
Cost for S to XL	\$ 8.69
Cost for 2XL/3XL	\$10.43

Date for ordering these shirts was by next club meeting. We want to turn the order in to Steve along with payment. KD8CXB – Gail will send via e-mail the pictures and a form for ordering under separate cover. Jack – KM8N had a winter jacket that he had ordered and cost of the coat was around \$70.00 which he had his call, name and ARRL and MARA. It is water resistant. He had a mock turtle neck long sleeve shirt and it can be embroider with name and call etc if you wish. Need an order of 12 to 15 and it will be about \$20.

Miamisburg Football Games: Jack (KM8N) reported that next game October 9th was homecoming and they would need extra help. There will be no floats but perhaps golf carts. Members expressed the need for signs to help with flow of traffic. Need a sign that says “NO Public Parking” or “Handicap Parking Only”.

NEW BUSINESS:

Steve – K3ERN advised that Elections would be coming up and if anyone was interested in running for office to please bring it to the attention of club members. We will open it up for nominations from the floor. Steve announced that our visitor Chris wanted to paint and fix up the outside and inside of the club, floor was turned over to Chris.

Chris announced for his Eagle Scout project he would like to paint the windows, club floors and build a 6’ bench for the front of the club house. Club would provide paint. KD8AIZ – (John) will be

overseeing the project. Club voted to go with brown as the Rotary club was just painted brown. Vote taken to purchase paint, which would be around \$200. All present voted for the purchase. Pictures will be taken before and after. KD8AIZ will be in contact with Steve. Club members will be needed to help move some of the heavy stuff. John will let the club know when help is needed.

Fred Stone – W8LLY – Advised that he was not promoting this adventure but had offered to bring us the information. DARA is offering to work with our 2meter repeater. They are willing to convert one of our repeaters with D-Star, they will provide all the equipment and they would do the installation. It would still be our repeater not sure who would own the D-Star equipment. DARA would provide current members with a D-Star HT's. DARA is very interested in having a D-Star 2meter repeater in our area. Discussion was held regarding which repeater would we use 145 or 330. Perhaps using the 330 machine plus it would open up capability of having internet service to the club house in the future. Steve will call a board meeting to discuss and get in touch with Jay – N8IPO and Steve – N8DNG. Jack- KM8N made a motion to investigate the possibilities and members present voted to look into this. Steve will be our contact with DARA.

KD8CXB – Gail requested that John – KD8AIZ send e-mail that had been sent to Steve regarding the ARES info so that it could be included in the minutes.

Gavel was passed.

Next meeting will be November 7th, 2009

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 P.M.

NOTE: I have the minutes of this meeting saved as voice if anyone would be interested in referring back to them for future use.