

MOUND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

November 4th, 2009

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

Members present: (21):

KD8CXB-Gail/WA8VIW-Sam/AC8AV-Ken/KB8MMW-Dick/K8MJH-Mike/W8BSI-Mike/
WZ8DX-Eric/KD8DGE-Brent/KM8N-Jack/W8LIL-Bill/KC8YZI-Leslie/KC8TFY-Claude/
KA8VMA-Joe/W8WGT-Tom/W8WGR-Gary/K3ERN-Steve/AC8G-Harry/KD8HFM-Dale/
AA8PB-John/K8VEZ-Bill/WB8NHK-Carl

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

KB8MMW (Dick) gave the Treasurer's report:	Checking	\$ 437.00
	Money Mkt	\$ 860.90
	Savings	<u>\$ 746.80</u>
	TOTAL:	\$2044.70

Everyone was reminded that club dues were due in January 2010.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Equipment Manager: N8IPO (Jay) – was not in attendance.

Club Activities Chair: KD8CXB (Gail) reported that there were 21 who showed up for the Club Breakfast. The 4th Annual MARA Bowling Christmas party will be Saturday Dec. 5th. Information would be sent out under separate cover with details.

Clothing: Leslie-KC8YZI reported that we had 12 orders for the shirts. It was decided by members present that this order would be sent in and those who wish to order shirts later would have to pay for shirt along with shipping cost.

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

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. Anyone interested in ordering the coat please contact Jack.

Emergency Response Report: KD8AIZ (John) was not present but did call his report into Steve – K3ERN. The ARES applications needed to be updated by Nov. 1, 2009. If you have not turned sheet in you will be put on the in-active list. Both Steve and Mike Carter gave a brief description of changes that have been made and supported by the ARRL. Mike believes information can be found in upcoming QST magazine. Any further questions can be directed to John-KD8AIZ.

Antenna Installation Chair – Jack-KM8N reported that his brother has contacted DP&L and Wagner Smith twice, but have not heard back from them.

OLD BUSINESS:

Steve – K3ERN reported that he had just heard from the City, and had some bad news. The Ohio Historical Society and the City Managers do not want anymore poles and or wires strung across the park in any way. Doug has contacted electrical department about moving the night guards, and has convinced the OHS and City Managers that if we can bury the wires that we can basically put our antennas up as we had originally planned. Steve received a note from Doug that it would behoove us to find a contact with DP&L because he (Doug) is going to bring someone up who does electrical work for the city and bring them up to the park and talk to them about burying the electric and see what they say. So we need a DP&L professional to do the work. We would have the pole behind the club house and the one by the restrooms.

D-STAR: Steve-K3ERN gave a short report regarding his contact and discussion regarding the D-Star. Mike Carter – made motion to elect at the current time not to take DARA up on the offer for the D-Star equipment. Afterwards members present voted to not continue this action at this time with DARA and the D-Star project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Steve – K3ERN advised that Elections was coming up and if anyone was interested in running for office to please bring it to the attention of club members. Nominations were opened up to the floor. Steve-K3ERN wants to retire from being club president and Gail-KD8CXB doesn't want to run for Secretary. **Nominations were made as follows:** President – Jack KM8N (will run for 1 yr only)/ Vice President – Brent KD8DGE(wants to think about it) / Treasurer – Dick KB8MMW/ Club Secretary – Still open. At the December 2nd meeting the floor will be open once again for nomination and then a vote will be taken for the 2010 Board Members.

Harry – AC8G – Brought in a SPR4 Drake general coverage receiver – has a tag on it 1970 inspected. The donor Winnie Morgan donated this to Harry to take care of; if the radio can't be used by the club used then perhaps we can sell at hamvention. E-bay sells them for \$449.00 like new. Anyone interested can contact Harry Flasher – AC8G.

Bill – W8LIL – got curious about the hi-frequency antennas at various intersections and stopped in at the city offices and discussed with the gentlemen if he would be available to attend a meeting and give a presentation. March perhaps would be a good time.

Gavel was passed.

Next meeting will be December 2, 2009

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.