

MOUND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

December 2nd, 2009

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

Members present: (17)

Ken-AC8AV / Leslie – KC8YZI / Claude – KC8TFY / Jack – KM8N / Carl – WD8NHK / Gail – KD8CXB / Steve – K3ERN / Harry – AC8G / Dale – KD8HFM / Tom – W8WGT / Mike – K8MJH / Brent – KD8DGE / Joe – KA8VMA / Sam – WA8VIW / Gary – W8WGR / Dick – KB8MMW / Bob – K8WC

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

KB8MMW (Dick) gave the Treasurer's report:

Checking	\$ 556.00
Money Mkt	\$ 861.27
Savings	<u>\$ 746.80</u>
TOTAL:	\$2164.07

Currently 15 members have renewed their 2010 membership.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Club Activities Chair: - KD8CXB (Gail) – reminded everyone about the 4th Annual MARA Christmas Bowling Party on Saturday Dec 5th and that there were 46 people (adults & kids) attending.

Emergency Response Chair – KD8AIZ (John) was not in attendance but called his report in to Steve. He advised that he would be going back on days. Encouraged everyone to continue with the FEMA testing. Dale (KD8HFM) reported that he had talked with Bill White from Kettering/Sycamore Hospital and that Bill would be going to Sycamore to set the emergency station up. Dale also mentioned to Bill White that perhaps maybe in January or February MARA club could have their meeting at Sycamore to check out the emergency station. Jack – KM8N reported that ARES would be holding their meeting at the Miami Township Center (2700 Lyons Rd) starting 7:00 PM last Tues of even months. Jack also reminded everyone that there would be a Simulated Drill Saturday 12/12 on 146.640. You can go to the ARES web site and register to participate.

Tower Installation Chair – WA8VIW (Sam) Offered his Tractor Tower which is 100' from the club house for quarter wave 80 meter vertical antenna. Steve has not heard from Doug Voss with the City since our last meeting.

OLD BUSINESS & NEW BUSINESS:

Elections: K3ERN (Steve) opened the floor for nominations. AC8V (Ken) agreed to run for Secretary and KD8DGE (Brent) agreed to run for Vice President. Motion was made to close nominations and accepted by members. Ballots were passed out for voting and collected, Steve read the results:

2010 MARA Board Members are as follows:

President:	KM8N – Jack Melke
Vice President:	KD8DGE – Brent Clark
Treasurer:	KB8MMW – Dick Taylor
Secretary:	AC8V – Ken Jennings

Congratulations to the new Board, who will become official January 1, 2010.

Carl – WD8NHK suggested that when someone is at the club house working on the radios or participating in a contest to please turn the radio on to monitor the repeater. Ken – AC8V suggested that the club keep a paper log – one that when someone comes to the club house they sign in. Also according to the FCC we should be keeping a log of any radio contacts made from the club house. Steve suggested that the Station Manager – Steve – N8DNG could come up with some rules for this log sign in. Steve will discuss with Steve and the club party.

Sam – WA8VIW brought it to the club's attention that KB8OAR – Mark Webster was now a silent key. Since Mark was a member of our club at one time, it was suggested that his name be added to the Silent Key Plaque. Steve will take care of this.

Gavel Passed

Next Meeting – January 6, 2009 at 7:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:50PM.

Last Colorful Minutes from:

Gail – KD8CXB
MARA Club Secretary