

MAARS Club Meeting - 2018 February 9th Manhattan Public Library, Manhattan, KS

Meeting Commenced: 6:34

Meeting Concluded: 7:05

Attending:

Ashley Benteman - KE0IQV

Officer Reports:

President

- Presentation over Arduino Antenna Analyzer will be next month.
- Possible Events
 - Jim was not able to contact with Dave from Pathfinder yet but will continue to try for upcoming events.
 - He was able to contact Shane Yeager, Pot County undersheriff, but has not heard back yet.

VP Report

- George is in the field.

Treasurer

- \$1,129.96
 - Incoming of \$20 in dues
 - Outgoing \$81.42
 - Tower Rental Fee
 - Reimbursement for holiday meal to Patti & George and Ashley & Ryan

Committee Reports:

- Field Day
 - No new developments but will continue to work with Lori on details and using the county shop. Next month Jon will have something to report.
- Events Committee
 - Formalize what we do and what we need for events
 - Help coordinate events, outline expectations and develop an accountability document of who we are and what we do. Jim is chairman with Patti, George, Ryan & Ashley.
 - George is currently in the field. He will be available for contact after February 17th from coming back from the field.
 - Jim will set up a committee meeting after the 17th.
- Outstanding Committees from 2017:
 - Field Day
 - Bike Ride (Casa & Gravel)
 - Boy Scouts
 - Green Apple Bikes (Joint Exercise)
 - Antenna Trailer (John is Chairman with Ryan)
 - Repeater (Tower & Battery)
 - Test Sessions

- Moving Forward with Committees:
 - Events will cover all events including bike rides
 - Repeater
 - Test Sessions
 - Trailer
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 - Tomorrow is a test session at 9 am in the Auditorium.
 - Future test sessions will be the same from last year. Jeff will schedule them and let Jim know so that Jim can add them as facebook events.
- Trailer
 - It is too cold outside to do work on the trailer.
- Repeater
 - Need to elect new trustee
 - License will be due fall of this year
 - Dave Mills, KD0AZG, suggests Jon Klimek, KE0LHK, as new trustee because he is already involved in so many aspects of the repeater like ARES, RACES & MAARS. Jon has accepted. Ryan Benteman, AD0TZ, moves the motion. Jeff Greer, WD4ET, seconds the motion. The club voted and motion passes unanimously making Jon Klimek, KE0LHK, the new trustee for the Manhattan Repeater.
 - These notes will need to be included with the paperwork.

Old Business:

- Events for the Upcoming Year
 - Geocaching Event. An event was held in the Manhattan area last year and we could possibly help. However this is an event that changes locations every year. So next time it is held in our area, we could possibly talk with them and helping.
 - Fox Hunt
 - Ryan will volunteer to coordinate this but will wait until it is warmer out. Farren and Ashley will help.
 - Jon suggests using meeting time to build antennas.
 - Dave recommends working on low power transmitters.
 - KSU club recently completed a fox hunt and so Ryan will contact them about their experiences.

New Business:

- MAARS information on the Manhattan library website needs to be updated with new meeting time and contact information.
 - We do not yet have a club email address and so we can use Jim as a contact person for the library blurb. However Jim will look into creating an email address through gmail or ARRL.
 - Ashley will forward the descriptive blurb to Jim for him to review.
- Jim will look into setting up the meetings on facebook to reoccur.

- Jim will also put the testing sessions on facebook as they get scheduled.
- Jim & Ryan will have a brief impromptu presentations over the arduino board.
 - Jim will email the group with the link of how it is built.
 - Ryan recommends using all the revisions to make things easier.