

MAARS Club Meeting

10 February 2023

Officers in Attendance:

President Ryan Benteman – **ADOTZ**

Vice Pres. Craig Moore – **WNOKS**

Treasurer Suzanne Asbury – **WOMMA**

Secretary Jason Johnson – **KBOEOD** for Jim Foster – **KSOVO**

21 People in Attendance

Meeting was called to order at 18:25 hrs by Ryan Benteman – **ADOTZ** Club President

Began with introductions

Officer Reports:

President and Vice President NTR

Treasurer Report – Suzanne Asbury – **WOMMA**

Received \$30.00 in dues

\$36.00 Annual tower rental fee

Future Expenditures;

Ordering checks in February

Liability Insurance in April

Equipment Insurance in June

Treasures Report Passed

Old Business

Ryan Benteman – **ADOTZ** The backup repeater is now operational with a 88.5 PL tone. The input squelch was increase by 8% from the old repeater. The old repeater that was taken out of

service and will be looked at in the future. The club/members have the ability to change features but not the diagnostic capability to check the alignment and troubleshoot. TBD.

Winter Field Day 28 - 29 Jan. report was made by Matt Hale – **KFOISO**. 13 Hams attended Winter Field Day at Fairmont Park, Manhattan, Kansas, running 5 stations, i.e. HF Voice, JS8 Call and made a few dozen contacts. There was lots of talking amongst hams.

New Business

Ryan Benteman – **ADOTZ** reports that the old GE Master Two has been out of service for 3 years and Jay Holmes – **KS1EMS** is looking for a GE Master Two in order to get the Junction City VHF 2m machine back operational. A motion was made to donate/give the machine to Jay Holmes for the purpose described above. Motion was Approved, No Disapproval, No Discussion.

Suzanne Asbury – **WOMMA** and Ryan Benteman – **ADOTZ** reports that Larry K. Potter – KFOHDN vanity KFOLAB member of MAARS is a Silent Key (SK) 10Jan23.

Glen Rubash – KCOGPV asked if the club would consider creating a Member of the Year Award. - The award would be based upon a points system. Points would be earned/awarded for recruiting new members, or Elmering other Hams. A substantial gift would be awarded to the winner. A committee would need to be formed as well as rules. Ryan Benteman – **ADOTZ** asked Glen to formulate rules, and to bring these ideas to the March meeting. Glen, Jon Klimek – **KOMHK** and John Kovac – **KOVAC** would meet at Saturday Breakfast and put some ideas together.

Jim Foster – **KS0VO** will lead the 11 March, 0900 – 1200 Testing Session at the Manhattan Public Library in the Groesbeck Meeting Room. VEs will include: Jim Foster – **KS0VO**, Craig Moore – **WNOKS**, Ryan Benteman – **ADOTZ**, Michael Moore – **NOPVU**, Michael Asbury – **W9MPA**.

John Kovac – **KOVAC** introduced himself to the club, giving accounts of his professional life and involvement in ham radio.

Meeting adjourned at 18:53 hrs

Nothing Follows