

MAARS Club Meeting – March 11, 2022
Reporting: Suzanne Asbury – WOMMA
14 People in Attendance

Officer Reports:

President:

K-Link is going away. When a piece of equipment fails, it will not be replaced.

Testing scheduled for Saturday, March 19th at the Manhattan, Groesbeck Room, 0900-1200 hours

Kaw Valley Radio Club: Attended the club's monthly meeting on March 4th. Structure of their meeting was very similar to ours: introductions, reports, talked about field day and special events and had a teaching presentation.

Vice President: No new report

Treasurer: As of February 28, 2022: \$1,548.68

Cash in hand \$50.00, Checking Account \$1,038.02, and Repeater Fund \$460.66

Incoming funds: none

Known expenses for 2022: \$166.00 PO Box rental (paid March 11th)

\$154.28 Equipment insurance (estimated)

Old Business:

Parade participation: Dave, KD0AZG, had sent a email out about entering a float in the St. Patrick's Day parade. No one responded showing interest in this type of community outreach.

Fusion Repeater: Farren, KB0AZJ, discussed possibility of relocating the fusion repeater from its current location at Outpost Western Store on Tuttle Creek Boulevard to a house on a ridge above McDowell Creek Road. Farren will remain the gatekeeper. If there is a long period of power outage, the repeater will be disconnected from power. No internet option available. Motion was made to approve the move of the fusion repeater. Motion was seconded and passed. Once the weather warms up Farren, with a couple of volunteers, will make the move.

New Business:

Liability Insurance: Discussion was held about if there is a need of liability insurance. Dave, KD0AZG, could not remember the club having liability insurance in the past. Suzanne, WOMMA, will check with ARRL about the cost of liability insurance.

Donation: Larry Potter, KF0HDN, donated \$1,000 to the club. A card was passed around to send to him to show our appreciation for his interest in our club.

Field Day: Upcoming Field Day to be held June 25-26 was mentioned, but no real discussion occurred.

Simplex exercise: Jon, K0MHK, will conduct another simplex exercise on Sunday, March 13th, at 2 p.m.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and passed.

Elmer Hour: Following the meeting, Farren, KB0AZJ, gave first Elmer Hour presentation on SDR dongles. Jeff, KD0KKD, will talk about vehicle wiring after the April club meeting.