

MAARS Club Meeting – April 12, 2019
Attending: Ashley Benteman – KE0IQV
22 People in Attendance

Officer Reports:

President:

- The new digital repeater is up and running with good reports so far. It has an input of 448.00 pl 88.5 with an output at 443.00.

Vice President:

- Nothing new to report

Treasurer:

- \$2,481.48
 - Cash in Hand \$60.00, Checking Account \$1,203.39, Repeater Fund \$1,218.09
 - Took in \$137.00 (\$14.00 in dues and \$123.00 for repeater fund)
 - Post Office Box rental paid \$114.00 on April 14th

Business:

New Repeater

- Motion was carried to reimburse Ryan for up to \$400 for his work in getting the new digital repeater up and running. This will be tabled until next meeting.
- We do not have insurance on the new repeater but ARRL may provide Insurance. Suzanne will look into insurance for the new repeater.

Wildcat Warrior 5K, Saturday, April 27th

- We will be assisting in this accredited 5k with profits going to the USO. This run will be located near the campgrounds that are used for Country Stampede with radio assistance at key points. Run begins at 9 am and will be over around noon. Radio participants need to be there around 8 am. Volunteers so far: Dave Mills, Kathy, Jon, Craig, Ryan & Ashley

Fake Pattys Day

- WARN & CERT volunteers helped Riley County Emergency Management. People worked the radio swap and accountability trailer. Everything went well.

Weather Spotting

- WARN & CERT volunteers helped with a presentation by the NWS. Good turn out and everything went well.

Memorial Day Cemetery Flags

- Looking for possible volunteers to put flags on poles for veterans this Memorial Day like we did last year. Jason will send out more information on the email list for anyone that is interested.

Advanced Weather Spotting Meeting

- Jeff and Jason attending an advanced weather spotting meeting where they covered topics more in depth than the NWS presentation. They both really enjoyed it and learned a lot. Jeff will send out information about the meeting to the club email. Also, there may be a meeting in this area in the next few months.

Fox Hunt, Sunday, April 28th

- More information to come on the group email.

Test Sessions

- Our next test session is May 11 at 9am in the library
- Jim is still working with St. Mary's First Responder to possibly set up a test session. Jim will send out a date when it is decided. He will also need VEs for the test session.

Repeater Site

- Jay Holmes let Dave Mills know that there is a VHF Antenna on a water tower not being used. We could use it and it would cover the North County.

Salina Ham Fest

- The Salina Ham club will not be doing a ham fest this year. Any club interested could take it over. The event is usually August 17th. If we were to consider to do it, we would need 100% participation.

Visitors

- Fred Probst, KS1USA, first time visiting
- Nick McNamara, first time vising
- Thank you for joining us!