



MAARS Club Meeting Minutes

14 April 2023

Officers in Attendance:

President – Ryan Benteman – **AD0TZ**

Vice Pres. – Craig Moore – **WN0KS**

Treasurer – ~~Suzanne Asbury~~ – **W0MMA**

Secretary – Jason Johnson – **KB0EOD**

12 in Attendance

Meeting was called to order at 18:33 hrs by Ryan Benteman – **AD0TZ** Club President

Meeting began with introductions

Officer Reports:

President and Vice President – NSTR

Treasurer Report – Ryan Benteman – **AD0TZ** read the Treasurers Report as submitted by Suzanne Asbury – **W0MMA** reviewed the March Treasurers Report as published 01 April.

Old Business

John Kovac – **K0VAC** reported on the progress of the **M.A.A.R.S. Amateur Radio of the Year Award** distributed an ever progressing draft to Club Members outlining the Prerequisites, Eligibility requirements and Selection criteria based on suggested changes made by Club Officers and Members from the previous (March) meeting.

- Begin the Nomination / Selection Criteria Process to the left by one month from October to September with all stages moving to the left one month IOT have sufficient time to have awards created.
- No one on the Award Committee is eligible to receive the award.

- Club wishes to name the award in honor of Glen Rubash – **KCOGPV(SK)** the club member which originally presented the concept of the award to the club. The finalized or refined name is “The Glen Rubash Memorial M.A.A.R.S. Member of the Year.” Motion was Approved and Passed. The award will further be referred to as **The Glen Rubash Memorial M.A.A.R.S. Member of the Year**. John Kovac – **KOVAC** will refine the guidelines and bring them to the next meeting for further review.

New Business

Mike Toepffer – **AE0PT** What will/is the date of the next Testing Session for as there is an Amateur Radio Operator ready/ near ready to test out for their General License. Jim Foster – **KSOVO** (M.A.A.R.S. VE ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator), was not in attendance to answer the question. Ryan Benteman – **AD0TZ** said that generally Test Sessions are conducted quarterly with the previous test session being conducted in March. He would check on the possibility of scheduling an impromptu test session in order to administer a test locally so he/she does not have to drive to i.e. Wichita or KC. Jason Johnson – **KB0EOD** can meet with Jim Foster – **KSOVO** to shuttle documents if allowed. Mike Toepffer – **AE0PT** is now VE Accredited.

2023 Field Day Preparations – ARRL Field Day 2023 –Tune in the World– will be held June 24-25. **Field Day is ALWAYS the fourth full weekend, beginning at 1800 UTC Saturday and ending at 2059 UTC Sunday.** Ryan Benteman – **AD0TZ** suggested TCSP (Tuttle Creek State Park), 5800 River Pond Rd A, Manhattan, KS 66502. Ryan suggests the club would maintain a Single “On Air” Radio Station, 106’ Single Trapped Dipole Antenna, elevated 60’ using Phone, CW and Digital (non-CW) modes. Ryan Benteman – **AD0TZ** will contact the park in order to see if the Bob Flemming Shelter is available to reserve. Location of TCSP was Approved. ARRL Field Day 2023 Rules are attached to this Meeting Minutes email.

Craig Moore – **WN0KS** showed the club an example of a plaque which would be presented to club officers’ showing appreciation to the club's dedication. The plaque would be presented to present term as well as Club Officers retroactive (1) year to 2022. The plaque example is appx. 7x9” walnut, with polished brass custom engraving including the recipient's name, club name, position and year of service. MTF, Tabled until May.

Ryan Benteman – **AD0TZ** The Keats Park building is unavailable for the 12 May meeting. An outdoor local Manhattan park will be chosen, weather permitting, with a radio and antenna erected prior to the meeting; type and mode TBD. The location will be widely publicized on all media platforms. MTF.

Meeting adjourned at 19:13 hrs

Nothing Follows