



MAARS Club Meeting Minutes

12 May 2023

Officers in Attendance:

President – Ryan Benteman – **ADOTZ**

Vice Pres. – ~~Craig Moore – **WNOKS**~~

Treasurer – Suzanne Asbury – **WOMMA**

Secretary – Jason Johnson – **KBOEOD**

M.A.A.R.S. VE ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator Jim Foster – **KSOVO**

20 in Attendance

Meeting was called to order at 18:30 hrs by Ryan Benteman – **ADOTZ** Club President

Meeting began with introductions

Officer Reports:

President and ~~Vice President~~ – NSTR

Treasurer Report – Suzanne Asbury – **WOMMA** read the April 2023 Treasurer's Report as published 03May23.

Suzanne Asbury – **WOMMA** accepted a card 13MAR23 on behalf of M.A.A.R.S. from Lindy Rubash and the Rubash family for the flowers sent from M.A.A.R.S. to the Celebration of Life for her late husband Glen Rubash – **KCOPV (SK)**. The card was passed among members to read.

See attached: MAARS Thank You card.pdf

There is a 50 foot tower available at Glen's QTH.

Old Business

John Kovac – **KOVAC** made the requested changes to the **The Glen Rubash Memorial M.A.A.R.S. Member of the Year**, from the April meeting, distributing draft copies. to club members for review. The submitted draft document was approved by all members, non apposed with no further changes being made to the document. Ryan Benteman – **ADOTZ** expressed his gratitude and on behalf of the club for all of John’s hard work and dedication in preparing the award documents.

See attached: MAARS HAM OF THE YEAR.pdf

- Per John Kovac – **KOVAC**, Eugene Douglas Jr. – **NOOER** would like to donate an HT to the club which will given to this year’s awardee.

New Business

Jim Foster – **KS0VO** M.A.A.R.S. VE ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator Test Sessions will be held 10JUN23 in the 2nd floor Auditorium of the Manhattan Public Library. 629 Poyntz Ave, Manhattan, KS 66502, 0900-1100.

Dave Mills – **KD0AZG** and Jon Klimek – **KE0MHK** attended a meeting with Riley County Emergency Management personnel (RCEM.) RCEM has proposed to M.A.A.R.S. the installation of M.A.A.R.S. owned repeater sets, one on each of two Riley County owned tower sites maintained by Ka-comm., Inc. in order to increase M.A.A.R.S. amateur radio coverage area for amateur radio use and strengthening RCEM amateur radio coverage area during weather related emergencies and continued WARN participation. Ka-comm., Inc. will provide the rack system or rack space to support repeater components, install feedline and antenna on the tower. Ka-comm., Inc. will also provide a discount on the cost of materials and labor. RCEM has budgeted \$5K for the project in 2023. If the estimated cost exceeds \$5K the second site will be budgeted for 2024. The two Riley County owned sites would offer M.A.A.R.S. a no rent, no fees, generator backup and internet capability.

The current **KS0MAN** repeater 147.255 on the **KSDB** radio station tower will remain with no changes as part of this proposal.

#1 Priority for 2023 funds is to place a 2m repeater on the (Drake Tower) site located on or near 911 Hill near Pillsbury Crossing at appx. 416’.

#2 Priority if 2023 funds allow or in 2024, would be the addition of a 70cm/440 repeater at 25 watts on the (Schurle Signs Inc. North County Tower.) This tower is appx. 300’ with the M.A.A.R.S. antenna at appx. 250’-275’.

In order to go further with RCEM’s proposal to M.A.A.R.S. Dave Mills – **KD0AZG** and Jon Klimek – **KE0MHK** will ask that a contract be created outlining the project, access to the tower sites for

programming and maintenance as well as this agreement is maintained as RCEM personnel change.

Motion Passed to continue moving forward with the Riley County Emergency Management, amateur radio repeater project.

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** has reserved the Bob Flemming Shelter TCSP (Tuttle Creek State Park), 5800 River Pond Rd A, Manhattan, KS 66502. A Single “On Air” Radio Station, 106’ Single Trapped Dipole Antenna, elevated appx. 60’ using Phone, CW and Digital (non-CW) modes. Bring your own CW keyer. There will be 1 operating transmitter connected to 1 antenna to prevent potential damage to transmitters in close proximity.

Matt Hale – **KF0ISO** will help with coordination with Ryan Benteman – **AD0TZ** with logistics and operations. John Kovac **Suzanne Asbury – W0MMA KOVAC** requested a sign in sheet be created in order for Hams the ability to sign in for behind the microphone, logging etc. times.

A possibility of a Potluck type meal may be coordinated if participating members want to participate.

See attached: ARRL Field Day 2023 Rules.pdf

Dave Mills – **KD0AZG** spoke about a Special Event opportunity, –Randolph PRIDE– 30 Jun-01 Jul manning a booth on 01JUL in order to promote M.A.A.R.S. and Amateur radio. There may be a possibility that the fee for a 10’ x 10’ booth fee may be waved for being a non-profit.

<https://www.facebook.com/randolphks/>

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Brian Krenzin – **K9KSU** spoke about a Special Event Station, Eisenhower **Birthday Special Event** – 14 – 22 October 2023. Celebrating the Birth Day and Birth Place of our 34th President Dwight David Eisenhower. Brian would like to operate a single station from his QTH, or adjacent the Eisenhower Presidential Library, Museum & Boyhood Home, utilizing a 1 by 1 callsign, assigned one of 10 letters that Contest’ers can collect to spell E-I-S-E-N-H-O-W-E-R.

Sherman, TX. Grayson County Amateur Radio Club. 14.250 7.250. QSL. Grayson county Amateur Radio Club, 1026 Valentine Dr, Sherman, TX 75090.

<https://graysoncountyar.org/>

<https://graysoncountync.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Calendar-June-2023.pdf>

Eisenhower Presidential Library, Museum & Boyhood Home 200 SE 4th Street Abilene, KS

<https://www.eisenhowerlibrary.gov/>

Jim Foster – **KS0VO** spoke about a long time ago M.A.A.R.S. member Lyle J Dixon – **N0DEF(SK)** of Manhattan, KS. Lyle's children contacted Jim giving him QSL Cards as well as a few boxes of radios and other amateur related items available to members at the conclusion of the meeting.

Suzanne and Mike Asbury – **W0MMA W9MPA** made available old QST magazines.

Meeting adjourned at 21:18 hrs

Nothing Follows