



MAARS Club Meeting Minutes

09 JUN 2023

Officers in Attendance:

President – Ryan Benteman – **AD0TZ**

Vice Pres. – Craig Moore – **WN0KS**

Treasurer – Suzanne Asbury – **W0MMA**

Secretary – Jason Johnson – **KB0EOD**

~~M.A.A.R.S. VE ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator Jim Foster – **KS0VO**~~

20 in Attendance

Meeting was called to order at 18:31 hrs by Ryan Benteman – **AD0TZ** Club President

Meeting began with introductions

Officer Reports:

President and Vice President – NSTR

Treasurer Report – Suzanne Asbury – **W0MMA** read the May 2023 Treasurer's Report as published 02JUN23.

Projected expenditure in June23. \$148.26 Equipment Insurance.

Old Business

Ryan Benteman – **AD0TZ** back briefed the Amateur Radio Testing Session held 10JUN23. Jim Foster – **KSOVO** M.A.A.R.S. VE Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL) Volunteer Examiner Coordinator as well as Craig Moore – **WNOKS**, Ryan Benteman – **AD0TZ**, Mike Asbury – **W9MPA**, Mike Moore – **N0PVU**, Kathy Pinkerton – **KE0TAQ**, Mike Toepffer – **AE0PT**, organized and or officiated the 10JUN23 at the Manhattan Public Library, Manhattan, KS 66502, 0900-1100.

Dave Mills – **KD0AZG** reported on the progress of the Riley County Emergency Management (RCEM.) M.A.A.R.S. repeater project. The projected cost of #1 Priority Site is \$11K for 2023., placing a 2m repeater on the (Drake Tower) site located on or near 911 Hill near Pillsbury Crossing at appx. 416'. If available funds exceed the cost estimate, the materials cost will be paid for with End of Fiscal Year 2023 funds and Labor costs will be funded with Beginning of Year 2024 funds. The Riley County Councilors' Office is currently preparing legal documents for future review between RCEM and M.A.A.R.S.

#2 Priority will be considered once #1 Priority Site (Drake Tower) site is completed. #2 Priority 70cm/440 repeater at 25 watts on the (Schurle Signs Inc. North County Tower.)

2023 Field Day Ryan Benteman – **AD0TZ**, – **ARRL** Field Day 2023 –Tune in the World – June 24-25. Field Day beginning at 1800 UTC /1300L Saturday, ending at 2059 UTC 1200L Sunday. The Bob Flemming Shelter TCSP (Tuttle Creek State Park) has been confirmed, 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.

Suzanne Asbury – **W0MMA** will send out an email for a Saturday evening Potluck type meal at 1800hrs. Suzanne has Plates, Bowls and Napkins etc.

Ryan Benteman – **AD0TZ** will provide, antenna, computer for logging, HF radio etc to outfit one complete HF station. Those wishing may bring their own CW keyer.

New Business

Members of the KSU Amateur Radio Group were in attendance, introducing themselves, describing their Ham Shack and equipment on the K-State Campus. Callsign (N0QQQ) They described their efforts and desire to increase membership and wanting to hold events such as a Fox Hunt. Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL) recently awarded a \$2500 grant.

Eugene Douglas Jr. – **N0OER** donated an HT radio to the club which will given to this year's **The Glen Rubash Memorial M.A.A.R.S. Member of the Year** awardee.

Meeting adjourned at 18:58 hrs

Nothing Follows