

MAARS Club Meeting - 11 August 2017 Manhattan Public Library, Manhattan, KS

Meeting Commenced: 6:30

Meeting Concluded: 7:48

Attending:

Ashley Benteman - KE0IQV

Presentation:

- Winlink, Farren, KB0AZG, and Mike, W9MPA

Officer Reports:

President

- Jim could not attend so he sent Dave information to report:
- Casa Ride
 - Still working out details like maps and tracking with Karen
 - Volunteers still needed! Please send Jim email by the end of the month so that he has a head count.
- Working with Pot County
 - Chris is interested in working with ham operators but still working out how. He is thinking that they may work in CERT or emergency management. There is an October meeting for emergency management that may be open to ham operators. Also considering getting oxcom RACES in the county.

VP Report

- Repeater and K-Link
 - K-Link has been down. It is now fixed but most likely the work being down near our repeater resulted in it being unplugged. The work is now finished and so Dave reset the connections and everything works.
- Repeater Batter
 - Battery was cool to touch even though it is "puffed" but there is no leakage.
- Possible New Tower
 - A tower has been left behind and it could possibly be a future antenna for packet radio. However several things would be needed like a tnc, antenna, etc. Myron may be able to help with an old KPC3. Also Dave in Clay Center may be trying to sell a tnc. K-State would also let us test equipment at their facility.

Treasurer

- \$888.94
 - Increase of \$20

Committee Reports:

- Field Day
 - We had 50 contacts on 80m. 121 contacts on 40m. 50 contacts on 20m. 20 contacts on digital, GOTA. We contacted a total of 41 states.

Old Business:

- Upcoming Test Sessions
 - Next exam is September 9th at 9 am in the Manhattan Library Auditorium
 - Let Jeff know if you can volunteer
 - Shawn, KC0TQZ, said he could be there if needed.
- Kansas Hamfest: August 20th in Salina
 - Webster Conference Center, 2601 North Ohio Street, Salina, KS 67401
 - Members are interested in carpooling to Salina. Listen to the radio and watch email for more information from those people.
- Reimbursements for field day
 - Mike & Suzanne turned down the offer of reimbursement.
 - Ryan & Ashley submitted to Patti to be reimbursed \$21 dollars for food on field day. Patti gave Ashley the money with a receipt. Please see Patti or Ashley for a break down if interested.
- Kansas QSO Party
 - Clay Center will be taking part and they need volunteers. Their special call sign is K0Y. They will operate from 9am-9pm on the 26th and 9am-3pm on the 27th from two different locations. They will be using the same logging software as field day.

New Business:

- Antenna Trailer
 - The trailer is a gift from RCPD. It is an extendable antenna on a trailer but it does not have light sets. John will possibly be able to pick it up on Monday.