

MAARS Club Meeting – August 10, 2018  
Meeting Commenced: 6:30  
Meeting Concluded: 7:10  
Attending: Ashley Benteman - KE0IQV  
24 People Signed Attendance Sheet

### **Officer Reports:**

#### **President**

- No new reports

#### **Vice President**

- No new reports

#### **Treasurer**

- \$1,125.57
  - \$30 in checking account that was not on books
  - Moved \$21.25 from savings account to checking
  - Deposited \$100 into savings account for repeater fund
- Next two meetings will be time for membership renewal

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Trailer Tower**

- Money is owed to Jon for paint and he will submit an invoice for payment.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Repeater Battery Replacement**

- Need to coordinate with Vern to visit the repeater site to replace the battery
- Ryan has volunteered to take over battery replacement from Jon. He will coordinate with Vern to go out there and see what is currently there and then again to replace it.

#### **Events**

- Salina Ham Fest, August 19th
- Kansas QSO Party, August 25th-26th

### **New Business:**

- The treasurer should have a list of all the club's assets. For example, the antenna trailer (this description should suffice until we have more than one trailer), equipment at repeater site, previous repeater equipment, generator, coax, banner, HF Radio (ten tech) possibly with a tuner Myron made (maybe in EOC or county coms trailer), etc.
  - Please email Suzanne any information and details of club assets for her to keep record of as well as where it is located or the last person to have possession of it.
- We may also want to touch base with Brian to confirm that the 'ten tech' radio in the com trailer is the same radio that was previously at the red cross center
- Some historical documents can be found on the website. Dave also has a couple of boxes of club documents. He will bring it to a meeting for us to go through and figure out if we want to keep anything.
- Repeater licensing renewal is possibly due in October. Jon will go to the lock box and look at the license to find out. All that should be needed is the person designated to be trustee, the notes designating them and send it to a VEC. As long as the trustee is an ARRL member then there is no charge for the process but if they are not a ARRL member then there is a minimal charge.
  - Ashley will locate those notes and send them out again if necessary.

- Test Session next month on September 15th at the library at 9am.
  - Currently there are 4 technician that are registered
  - VEs are needed and three people have volunteered to help with Jim tentatively volunteering
- School club roundup is coming up in October 15-19. The KSU Radio Club hopes to man the radios most of the time and they will be sending out an email with more information as it comes up including a schedule with sign up time slots. Non-students are allowed to operate. It tends to get really busy on Friday afternoon possibly due to procrastination.
- For the next field day, instead of doing tons of planning before hand maybe operate like it is an actual event. The coordinator could find a location and get it approved but wouldn't do much beyond that for pre-planning. They could announce the location and what is needed on a net the night before. This would be similar to a deployment exercise. Part of the exercise could be to work up a schedule on site with who will be transmitting with their radio and when.
  - A practice event could be very useful before the field day. The upcoming camping trip could be a great way to practice. Another option is to have a meeting where we could do this as well.
  - Currently a lot of hours by several people are being devoted to planning field day and by making it a deployment exercise would cut down on that.
  - We will see how the first camp out goes and then discuss further after that. This will be old business for future meetings.
- Camping trip: Ashley will create a facebook event as well as send out an email to the group with details. Within the event and email there will be voting to determine which weekend works best.
- Vern brought 300 Watt lamps from the KSDB tower that was struck by lightning a couple of summers ago.
- They have also had a lightning strike at the KSU club and had an antenna affected.
- Jon shared with the club a good mounting options for mobile operation.
- The Junction City Digital Repeater was making lots of noise because there is a small tower next to it that they are mounting microwave antennas on and it was breaking the squelch. So Jay turned up the squelch to help with this. We may want to consider this when selecting a new repeater in the future.