

MAARS Club Meeting – October 12, 2018
Meeting Commenced: 6:30 pm
Meeting Concluded: 7:26 pm
Attending: Ashley Benteman – KE0IQV
25 People Signed Attendance Sheet

Officer Reports:

President

- Not in attendance

Vice President

- No new reports

Treasurer

- \$1,603.01
 - Cash in hand \$140.00, Checking Account \$1,012.92, Repeater Fund \$450.09
 - Took in \$340.09 (\$90 in dues, \$250 for repeater fund & \$0.09 in interest)
 - Future expense of replacing repeater battery at some point in the future

Old Business:

KSU Club Event Collegiate Round Up, October 15-19th

- They can operate 6 hours a day for a total of 24 hours. James was available after the meeting to answer questions or for people to sign up to operate a radio.

New Business:

Repeater Problems

- Repeater is having problems and Dave is working to resolve them.
- Vern said no new equipment had been added at repeater site.
- Dave power cycled it, but it did not fix the problem.
- Dave and Vern will go to repeater site tomorrow (Oct 13th).

Repeater Access

- Vern will be retiring in the near future and will no longer have access to the repeater.
- Pat Collins is willing to help because he is friends with the repeater site owner.
- Jon is working on a back-up plan.
- Some discussion on the need to move the repeater to a location with easier access.

Delinking repeater from K-Link

- Question was raised about the possibility of delinking the repeater from K-Link.
- Some MAARS members do not use the repeater as they do not want their discussion broadcast across Kansas.
- Dave Mills said we would maintain capability with K-Link, but would be local most of the time.
- Dave Avery suggested the MAARS repeater and Clay Center repeater remain linked.
- Suggestion made to keep analog as is, but digital would allow separate local repeater.

- Jon suggested using the two repeaters at KSU for local traffic. These repeaters do not reach very far.
- Question raised whether nets used K-Link for nets. We could relink for nets, but nets could use Alma or Junction City repeaters.
- Pros for delinking repeater:
 - It would free the repeater from the “Coffee Club” which dominates its use as MAARS members are on the way to work and cannot converse on our repeater
 - Would reduce wear and tear on our equipment
 - More MAARS members would talk on the air
- Cons
 - Would adversely affect users traveling across Kansas (Discussion led to users could use the linked Junction City Repeater)
 - Would adversely affect emergency communications – suggestion was made to relink repeater to K-Link during emergency/storm chasing events
- Motion was made to delink repeater. The club voted and the motion carried (one nay vote)

June Field Day

- Request was made for someone to volunteer to chair the event. Chair person would do general planning and then announce the location of the net.
- Dave Mills volunteered to chair the event, but needs help with logging apparatus and turning in results to ARRL. Bill, Ryan, Vern and Glen volunteered to assist.

Green Apple Bikes

- Green Apple Bikes round up on Nov 4th to collect bikes on Nov 4th for the winter. Jon will coordinate with any volunteers.

Christmas Party

- Question asked if there would be a Christmas party this year. Discussion followed
- Motion made to have a party at a restaurant will be in lieu of the normal December meeting on Dec 9th
- Motion carried with location to be determined during November’s meeting.

Nominations:

- President, Jim (KSOV0) was not present. Ryan (AD0TZ) is willing to run.
- Vice President, Ryan (AD0TZ) running for President. Mike (W9MPA) is willing to run.
- Treasurer, Suzanne (W0MMA) agrees to remain
- Secretary, Ashley (KE0IQV) declines

Tailgate Flea Market/Swap Event

- Suggestion was made to have an event to trade to sell excess radio equipment/accessories.
- KSU and MAARS could have joint auctions for fund raising.

Welcomed and acknowledged New Licensees (tested Sep 2018):

- Mike Toepffer KEOTAL
- Chase Cunningham KEOTAN
- Dustin Potts KEOTAP
- Kathy Pinkerton KEOTAQ