

MAARS Club Meeting – November 8th, 2019
Attending: Ashley Benteman, KE0IQV
21 People in Attendance

Officer Reports:

President

- N/A

Vice President

- Nothing new to report

Treasurer

- \$2,575.05
 - Cash in Hand \$49.00, Checking Account \$1,038.67, Repeater Fund \$1,487.38
 - Took in \$405 (\$330 dues & \$95 repeater fund)
 - \$11 in expenses of a book of stamps from petty cash
 - Future Expenses
 - K-Com for repeater work (~\$240)
 - \$36.00, Jan 2020 Tower rental
 - \$92.00, Mar 2020 P.O. Box Rental per Year
 - \$140.28, Jun 2020 Equipment insurance

Old Business:

Membership Dues

- Annual memberships are due
- Suzanne provided research for lifetime membership that are attached below. One sheet is the number of MAARS members since 1991. The other paper is membership fees of different organizations.
- NRA may have a lifetime membership for older people that is half price.
- Constitution states that the club's yearly dues are based on the standard operating procedure. The SOP can be changed by vote at the yearly meeting in November.
- Another possibility is to pay in advance for an amount of time. For example, 10 years at once for a total of \$200.
 - Motion was made to table yearly membership until next meeting where we will vote. This will allow everyone time to go over research.
- New members have been receiving monthly prorated rate, but this is not in the SOP.
 - Jon motions that we adopt the prorated rates for new members, Mike & Mike second, vote passes unanimously

Batteries

- Myron has more batteries and other goodies.

Officer Elections

- Club President: Ryan Benteman
- Vice President: Mike Asbury
- Treasurer: Suzanne Asbury
- Secretary: Bill Dickinson
- Public Information Officer: Ashley Benteman
 - This position will have the duties of Facebook group, renting the library room for meetings and MAARS google group email
- Motion to vote for the above ballot that was seconded and passed unanimously by vote

New Business:

Christmas Party

- The club voted in acceptance of having our December meeting & Christmas Party at the Bamboo Buffet December 13th. Ashley will call to make the reservation.

Repeater

- The club's 2-meter Master II repeater is down with controller problems. The club discussed options of fixing it or looking at replacements.
 - If we move forward with fixing the Master II, then parts will be hard to find as well as people willing to service it.
 - Our new fusion repeater does do analog; however, it will not perform well at the current site.
- The original purpose of the repeater fund was unclear and discussed on whether it was for a new repeater or a fusion repeater. Yet there was a general agreement that some of the repeater fund could go to replacement of the Master II, since the fusion repeater is almost set up.
- If we decide to replace the Master II, then we could sell it. There is a Riley County property tag on it, but Riley County Emergency Management gave it to MAARS. The repeater would probably be worth more as a working unit than for parts.
- Jon gave a presentation about repeaters and someone that could sell us a Motorola Quantar repeater for \$950. The costs of other parts that are needed and shipping makes the total for this Quantar around \$1,450. There would be lots of advantages to using a Quantar. However, the deal is extremely time sensitive.
 - Rock motions and Jeff seconds to move forward with this purchase.
 - In discussion the question came up of could this deal be too good to be true? Ryan and Ashley will quickly research the seller to make sure he is legitimate.
 - A vote was conducted on whether to move forward with the purchase contingent on verification through Ryan and Ashley's research. Jon will also be the front man on this purchase. Club voted and motion is carried.

MAARS Membership Yearly Numbers

		Dues Income	Expenses
Oct 2019	42	\$675.00	\$863.61 (PO Box & tower rental, battery for repeater (\$289.53), new repeater equipment (\$224.44), equipment insurance (\$140.28) & digitization of MAARS logo at GTM & Ham Threads) (\$513.97 repeater maintenance & new equipment and \$349.64 other expenses)
Oct 2018	31	\$455.34	\$262.40 (PO Box & tower rental, trailer painting & Christmas meal)
Oct 2017	28	\$480.00	\$112.00 (PO Box & tower rental)
Oct 2016	28	\$414.16	\$106.00 (PO Box & tower rental)
Oct 2015	22	\$442.50	\$373.83 (PO Box & tower rental & AT&T)
Oct 2014	17	\$310.00	\$624.34 (PO Box & tower rental & AT&T)
Oct 2013	25		
Oct 2012	34		
Oct 2011	18		
Oct 2010	25		
Oct 2009	36		
Oct 2008	21		
Oct 2007	28		
Oct 2006	16		
Oct 2003	31		
Oct 2002	38		
Oct 1998	39		
Oct 1997	58		
Oct 1996	65		
Oct 1995	61		
Oct 1994	72		
Oct 1993	88		
Oct 1991	22		