MAARS Club Meeting – 9 Dec 2016 Bamboo Buffet, Manhattan, KS

Meeting commenced: 6:45 Meeting concluded: 7:23

Attending:

Ashley Benteman – KE0IQV

## **Officer Reports**

President -

VP Report -

Treasurer – \$872 in account.

## **Committee reports**:

- Repeater committee
  - Dave is trying to contact Justin to work on repeater but he is currently in Colorado.
- Field Day
  - Bluemont park on the hill
    - Information sent in to Jenny for approval.
    - One approved, need consider restrooms or reservation for portapotty
    - Jim may be able to reserve Pottawatamie Count CERT camper
- Special event station @ Ft. Riley still working on event timing
  - $\circ$   $\,$  No news.

## **Old Business**

- Test Sessions for next year
  - Second Saturday in Feb, May and September
  - Engineering Building
- Location of the next meeting
  - Library has presentation resources, can bring in food and drink, but have to be out before 8.
  - Ashley will reserve the Library auditorium for Jan and Feb meetings.
  - $\circ$  ~ We may have meeting and have coffee & food after.

## New Business

- Technician training class may need to consider different class material source
- Community Involvement (discuss in January):
  - Jamboree on the Air with Boy Scouts.
    - Jim will try contacting Bill that he has worked with before.
    - Myron also has been contact by Boy Scouts for a presentation
    - Bike Rides
      - Cabin Fever (not sure if it is taking place)
        - Casa (didn't have an event this year but could next year)
          - Good experience because Casa covers so much ground
- Weekly Nets, Tues @ 8. We have been doing third party messaging. We do an exercise or have a conversation about technical/practical things. More participation, the better!
  - Consider a news line: QSP
  - If you check into other nets like the Saturday night K-link net, put the word out there for our net. They can connect through Echolink.
  - Consider operating over K-Link
- Weather Amateur Radio Net
  - Weather spotting, not chasing
  - March fourth in Lawrence will be a weather training class
  - There will also be a weather training class through NOAA in Manhattan around March
  - Verify dates and publicize