

MAARS Club Meeting – December 10, 2021
Attending: Suzanne Asbury – WOMMA
16 People in Attendance

Officer Reports:

President: No new report

Vice President: No new report

Treasurer: As of November 30, 2021

Cash on hand \$30.00

Checking Account \$901.02

Repeater Fund \$460.54

Total: \$1,391.56

Known Expenses for 2022:

Jan: \$36.00 Tower Rental

Mar: \$92.00 PO box yearly fee (2021 cost)

Jun: \$154.28 Estimated equipment insurance

Total: \$282.28

Incoming funds: \$60.00 in dues and \$20.00 in donations

Old Business:

Officer elections: All officers were reelected in their previous positions.

New Business:

Congratulations to Mike Stewart, N0KXSU, for passing the Extra exam.

Repeater towers: There was a discussion about finding additional repeater towers. Several locations were mentioned and discussed. Putting a tower at Jason's (KB0EOD) house had been examined and determined as not feasible, as it would not reach many users in Manhattan. Individuals, previously contacted within Riley County Emergency Management are no longer there and the process will need to start over. Due to liability issues, many businesses/land owners are not willing to allow a repeater to be placed on their towers/property.

Community involvement: Dave Mills, KD0AZG, suggested the club participate in local parades to make people aware of our existence and draw interest into HAM radio. Jon Klimek, K0MHK, suggested we tie in Sky Warn/ARES/RACES to reach those interested in storm spotting. Next known parade is on St. Patrick's Day.

Draft constitution: Had a discussion on the draft constitution emailed to all members on Dec 8th, Consensus reached was since the changes only corrected errors and it is not considered an amendment. Motion was made to accept draft as a revised constitution. Motion was seconded and passed.

We had three visitors; who all joined the club. We welcome Tony Clark (KN4KHZ), Carol Warren-Clark and Thom Nicholson to our membership.

Larry Potter, KF0HDN, lives in VIA Christi and only has a handheld Baofeng radio. He has a difficult time reaching others, due to his location and being soft spoken. He would love visitors and likes root beer or apple cider. Suggestion was made for him to use echo link or a 2 meter radio with a mag mount.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and passed.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2022 at Keats Park.