

## DMRAA Board Meeting January 5, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:28 via Zoom after a long delay getting everyone on zoom. The correct link will be tested and sent out in the future.

Thanks to Scott, NØOOD, for the use of his Zoom account.

Tom Weaver has resigned as Vice President. Thanks to him for his service to the club.

### **In attendance:**

Scott Kirstein	NØOOD	(President)
Bill Claypool	NUØQ	(Treasurer)
Rick Allen	NØCFL	(Board)
Patrick McIntyre	KD9BBA	(Secretary)
Michael Waldron	AEØMW	(Board)
Dennis O'Brien	KAØDOS	(Board)
Bob Johnson	WØSMS	(Board)
Ray Harden	WØRAY	(Board)
<del>Tom Weaver</del>	<del>WØFN</del>	<del>(Vice-President)</del> - Resigned
Dean Madsen	NØXR	(Board)

### **Review of minutes Dec**

- Move to approve December's minutes by bob, second by Mike, Approved.
- Ray proposed a change to the November minutes regarding to whom Ray talked to. The person that Ray talked to was Lowell Abarr, KB6SDI. Amendment approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Balance from September \$23,107.97
- Scott questioned how to pay online.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

- Broadlawns repeater - Scott, N0ØOD, is unable to access due to COVID
- Education
  - General class – completed. 4 took the test and 3 passed.
  - No further classes scheduled in the future
- Field Day – June 26-27 in 2021, 4<sup>th</sup> full weekend – No further updates
- Ham Fest – April 24<sup>th</sup> which is a Saturday. Scott, N0ØOD, to confirm date with Fairgrounds. – no further updates

### **Ares Update**

- Zoom call for ARES in January is under discussion. Jan 18<sup>th</sup>. – No meeting will happen. Tentatively March/April

### **Programming**

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- Nov – Mike, AEØMW, presented on HAM Test Equipment Overview – What’s possible with limited amount of funds – Well received. Low attendance
- Planned:
  - Dec – Meeting was cancelled
  - Jan – program tentative
    - Pat, to check with Fred on EME presentation – tentative
    - If no EME presentation then Rick will present VE testing
    - Rick, NØCFL to present information on the Volunteer Examiner Program
  - Feb - Virtual Reality presentation from MechDyne – Dennis, KAØDOS, will check with the owner if this date is acceptable since he requested an alternative date. Confirmed for the 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - March (tentative) – National weather service storm spotting. Need to confirm with NWS.
  - Presentation on ADSB and aviation?
- Other Ideas:
  - Personal projects that people are working on?
  - Members give Virtual HAM Shack Tour

### **Fort Des Moines**

- Tower Base installed. Work has stopped for the winter
- Financial info:
  - Bob – Hired someone to dig the hole. \$200
  - Concrete – 327.90
  - Rent vibrator – 37.45
  - Hardware – 18.02
  - Tot – 583.37 spent
- Going forward:
  - Ground anchors purchased – Tom may need to be reimbursed
  - Re-use guy wire and turn buckles
  - May need to purchase 40m kit for the cushcraft beam
  - Rotor and hardware is in hand. May need misc hardware.
  - Tom has resigned. Dennis’ situation has changed which leaves Bob
  - Will need to involve other to finish.
  - Status of the club and the Fort now that Tom W is no longer part of the club.
    - Report back to board
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- Desks being built for operating stations.
- Tower install
  - Need 3 days to install tower - dig hole, pour concrete, set tower
  - Bore hole in ground – 30 inch diameter
  - Would like club participation in the form of

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- Membership assisting in the installation
- Club funding of \$1000.00. Most would be spent this fall. One time expense.
- Known expenses:
  - Renting the equipment to bore the hole for the base. There are 2 options:
    - Larger equipment is \$400 for rental and transport.
    - Smaller equipment is \$200 but no transport fee
  - Concrete 1 yard - \$140/yard. Only 1 yard incurs a trip fee of \$100 for a total of \$240
  - May need new coax, guy rope, other Misc expense.
- Motion by Bob to allocate \$1000.00 for antenna install. Seconded by Ray
- Discussion:
  - Ft DSM has solid funding for 2 yrs. Commitment for funding also for 2022 for 2 years.
  - Help establish the education part of Fort Des Moines Mission
  - Use club station for field day with a change of class to the Echo Class. Allows early setup of equipment. More operating, less setup and troubleshooting. Echo Class is a home station running emergency power.
  - Once tower is up, provides opportunity to run special events outside of Field Day. Expands educational content of the Fort's mission.
  - Potential repeater site?
  - Is this a club station or not? Need to codify this.
  - Time limit on the funds to the last weekend in June, Field day.
  - Call the question – all in favor. Motion carries.

### **Hamfest Committee** – No update

- DMRAA 2021 Hamfest date of April 24<sup>th</sup> is reserved

### **Existing business**

- Web site/static page updates
  - Mike W to do basic updates to the website
  - Pat to be a backup
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- Membership List – No update
  - Move existing spreadsheet to Google Docs as read only.
  - Talk to Bruce to see if he has the list/spreadsheet. Scott, NØOOD, to talk with Bruce and will forward to Mike who will put it in Google Docs.
- Mike W has a box of old static sheets. It is unknown at this point whether there are photos included. Mike received the box came from Lowell. Mike will start scanning.

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- Static Sheet/Website – Tom Weaver meet with Tom Reis for a couple of hours. Tom Reis' recommendation to TomW is to publish static sheet less frequently or stop publishing. Also not use MS Publisher. Publish directly to the website. TomW, Pat (KD9BBA) and Dennis would be willing to share responsibility. Could setup common mailbox for people that want to email in articles. Ray suggested that this task could be opened up to the membership to see if there is interest.
  - Static Sheet is required by the bylaws of the club.
  - Static sheet shall be moved to being solely online
  - Mike move, bob second

### **New business**

Tom Weaver has resigned the VP of the club.

Pay your dues is on the buy/sell

Raffle tickets stubs from 2019 – What do we want to do. Keep them for now.  
Possibly do data entry

Check for taking down a tower coming to the club

Halicrafter being donated.

Bob, adjourn, rick second

Once we get mailing list from Bruce, need to notify membership of future meetings. We need to do a better job of communicating out. Scott, NØOOD, to reach out to Bruce and take ownership.

Motion to adjourn by Dennis, tom W