

DMRAA Board Meeting April 6, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:02 via Zoom.

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

In attendance:

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| 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) |
| Dean Madsen | NØXR | (Board) |

Vice President position is open

Review of minutes from March

- Move to approve March's minutes by Pat, KD9BBA, Bob, WØSMS second.
Approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Balance from March \$23,100. 52
- Paypal debit card not received

Subcommittee Reports

- Broadlawn repeater - Scott, NØOOD, is unable to access due to COVID
- VHF Dstar repeater is offline. It is in Icom's repair center.
- Club received a donation of old repeaters from the City of Des Moines. Bruce, KCØZMT has them currently. They are on the 70cm band. Thought is to store them at The Fort for now.
- Education
 - There is a discussion about a Tech class in fall
- Field Day - June 26-27 in 2021, 4th full weekend - No further updates
 - Location Fort DSM, food, Need approval for budget for food as date approaches.

Ares Update

- Zoom call for ARES in January 18th was cancelled. No update
- Fight for Air Climb - Sat May 15

Programming

Future meetings

- April - Pat, KD9BBA, will present on ADSB and setting up a station to receive and report flight information to FlightAware

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- Monday April 19th 7:00pm NWS page for link for Spotter Training
- May - Rick, NØCFL, to present information on the Volunteer Examiner Program
- Other Ideas:
 - Personal projects that people are working on?
 - Members give Virtual HAM Shack Tour – Need at least a month or more for members that wish to share to prepare.

Fort Des Moines

- Looking for a limited number of volunteers to participate on a steering committee for the club station. It will consist of licensed amateurs with participation from the board and general club membership

Hamfest Committee

- Tailgate is April 24th 7:00 AM – 12:00
- Coffee on back porch
- VE testing is from
- No coordination meeting for repeaters
- Parking: North side parking lot is for vendors, people that are selling out of their cars. Consumer/Overflow parking is to the lot that is immediately west of Fort Des Moines, across the street.

Existing business

- 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, AEØMW, who will put it in Google Docs.
- Static Sheet/Website – Publish Static Sheet directly to the website. Pat, KD9BBA, and Dennis, KAØDOS, would be willing to share responsibility. Could setup common mailbox for people that want to email in articles. Ray, WØRAY, suggested that this task could be opened up to the membership to see if there is interest. No Changes

New business

- Pat, KD9BBA, made a suggestion to manage the email lists via Group.io website. This would provide an easy way to announce events and allow members to communicate with the entire membership, ask for advice/assistance, provide alerts to DX openings, etc. Pat to investigate and present at next board meeting.
 - Presented different group email solutions:
 - **Move forward** with google groups for the board only. Try this solution for a couple of months then make a decision.
- Board members elections in May
 - May 21, Bob, Ray, Mike up for re-election
 - Bob, Mike will continue
 - Need to determine if Ray will continue. Scott to contact Ray.

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- Pat will continue as Secretary
- Bill will continue as Treasurer
- Thought for voting?
- Dennis – May not continue? Scott to discuss with Dennis post election.
- VP position is open.
- Membership that are current on dues that are interested in serving on the board should reach out to Dean via email. Dean chair, Mike and Pat on committee.
 - Possibility of using Survey Monkey for voting. Board to meet at tailgate and discuss.
- Church open for meetings?
 - In person services at the church starting on May 9 by reservation only.
 - Unknown opening for Waveland Hall. Dennis to ask the question to the church
 - Possibility of meeting at Fort Des Moines?? For now continue at the Church.
- Dues for access to the club station. A different level of membership for participants of the club station.
 - Insurance, maintenance
- Club Station
 - Dennis motion – form 5 person steering committee to fully investigate the startup procedures and cost of a club station. Bob second.
 - Include at least 1 board member
 - Form a steering committee for the club station.
 - Pat – website – forming steering committee for club station. Interested contact Bob
 - Current group of 6 people to move forward on club station
 - Thing about insurance, maintenance, security
 - All in favor, motion passes
 - Touch point convo – tailgate, topic for May meeting

Pat, KD9BBA made a motion to adjourn, Mike, WØSMS, second. 8:28 pm Meeting was adjourned