

## DMRAA Board Meeting December 1, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:06 via Zoom

Zoom will be used for the remainder of the year. Thanks to Tom, W0FN, for the use of his Zoom account.

Thank you to Tom Reis for his years of service!!!!

### **In attendance:**

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

### **Review of minutes Nov**

- Move to approve November's minutes by Tom, W0FN, second by Bob, W0SMS. Approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Balance from September \$23,492.14
- Check cut to the church as a donation for when the church opens up.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

- Broadlawns repeater - Scott, N0ØØD, is unable to access due to COVID
- Education
  - General class - Extended till Dec 10. Review and test afterwards
- Field Day – June 26-27 in 2021, 4<sup>th</sup> full weekend
- Ham Fest – April 24<sup>th</sup> which is a Saturday. Scott, N0ØØD, to confirm date with Fairgrounds.

### **Ares Update**

- Zoom call for ARES in January is under discussion. Jan 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Programming**

- Nov – Mike, AEØMW, presented on HAM Test Equipment Overview – What's possible with limited amount of funds – Well received. Low attendance
- Planned:
  - Dec - Rick, NØCFL to present information on the Volunteer Examiner Program

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- Jan – Tom, WØFN, to check with Fred on EME presentation - tentative
- 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.
- Other Ideas:
  - Personal projects that people are working on?
  - Members give Virtual HAM Shack Tour

### **Fort Des Moines**

- 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
    - 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.

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### **Hamfest Committee** – No update

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

### **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 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.
- 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**

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