

DMRAA Board Meeting February 5, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:07 via Zoom.

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

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) – Initial part of the meeting
Dean Madsen	NØXR	(Board)

Vice President position is open

Review of minutes Jan

- Move to approve December's minutes by Ray, WØRAY, second by Pat, KD9BBA. Approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Balance from September \$22,885.756
- Need to file with the Iowa Secretary of State. Must include all officers

Subcommittee Reports

- Broadlawn repeater - Scott, NØOOD, is unable to access due to COVID
- VHF Dstar offline. Mike, AEØMW, is working on it. Possibly consider replacing it with a multi-mode repeater (MMDVM)
- City of Des Moines cut over to 700MHz. The club might receive the donation of the old repeaters
- Education
 - No further classes scheduled in the future
- Field Day – June 26-27 in 2021, 4th full weekend – No further updates
- Ham Fest – April 24th which is a Saturday. See below for updates.

Ares Update

- Zoom call for ARES in January 18th was cancelled. No update

Programming

- Jan – Fred on EME presentation was successful
- Planned:
 - Feb - Virtual Reality presentation from MechDyne. Confirmed for the 23rd.

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- March (tentative) – National weather service storm spotting. Need to confirm with NWS.
- Other possible programs:
 - Rick, NØCFL, to present information on the Volunteer Examiner Program
 - Pat, KD9BBA - Presentation on ADSB and aviation?
- Other Ideas:
 - Personal projects that people are working on?
 - Members give Virtual HAM Shack Tour

Fort Des Moines

- Kevin N0IWT – Kevin Farnsley donated an Icom 718 and power supply
- Fusion radio available
- No further work has performed on the tower
- Plan is to erect the tower in the spring
- 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, N0FN, has resigned. Dennis', KAØDOS, situation has changed which leaves Bob, WØSMS
 - Will need to involve others to finish.
 - Status of the club and the Fort now that Tom W is no longer part of the club.
- Fort board has been very positive towards the club. Below is Dennis', KA0DOS, report from the Fort Des Moines' board meeting dated January 9th, 2021:

There was only one agenda item for this meeting, other than approving minutes from the previous board meeting. The agenda item was to discuss and make recommendations for action on a list of 17 questions or requirements that need to be addressed in order to qualify for receipt of the second installment (\$75K) of the Dahl Trust grant to the Museum. The topics ranged from recruiting and training docents, repair/maintenance of the HVAC system, maintaining the website, and fund raising/grant applications. Nothing controversial, in our opinion. Both Bob and I were present and participated in the meeting. The Board Chairman, Matthew Harvey, often refers to both of us as valued contributors, essentially de facto board members. Tom Weaver is a regular Board member.

There has never been any negative comments regarding DMRAA activities at the Museum. Quite the opposite. One topic discussed today was future public events at the Museum. Our Field Day, license classes, and special operating events, like Massing of the Colors (2018), were all praised for contributing to Museum activities. Chairman Harvey asked about progress on our tower project and Bob summarized the work that was accomplished before cold weather arrived. The meeting ended with positive views about the future.

Hamfest Committee – No update

- DMRAA 2021 Hamfest date of Saturday, April 24th is reserved
- Discussion of whether to have the Hamfest or not.
- Continue to pursue hamfest/tailgate at Fort Des Moines
- It was agreed that the club should let contract go at fairgrounds
- Pat, KD9BBA, to call Associated to check their interest on the date and willingness to participate

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Existing business

- Web site/static page updates
 - Mike, AEØMW, to do basic updates to the website
 - Pat, KD9BBA to be a backup
- 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.
- Mike, AEØMW, 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 – 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.
 - Static Sheet is required by the bylaws of the club.
 - Static sheet shall be moved to being solely online
 - Mike, AEØMW, moved, Bob, WØSMS, seconded

New business

- None

Pat, KD9BBA made a motion to adjourn, Bob, WØSMS, second. 8:10 pm Meeting was adjourned