

DMRAA Board Meeting March 1, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:10 via Zoom.

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

Meeting moved to Monday, March 1st due to conflict by members on Tuesday.
Change was unanimously agreed upon.

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 – not here
Dean Madsen	NØXR	(Board)

Vice President position is open

Review of minutes Feb

- Move to approve February minutes by Dennis, KAØDOS, second by Rick, NØCFL.
Approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Balance from February \$23,093.70
- Filed for Sec State Iowa
- Filed IRS
- Paypal debit card not received. Expected to arrive soon

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)
 - Mike has repeater. Contrary to popular belief it is not 2 mobile radios in a box. Parts have been ordered and received but they are not the right ones.
 - Repeater being shipped out to Icom for repair
- 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
 - No further classes scheduled in the future at Fort Des Moines
 - There is a discussion about a Tech class in fall

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- Contacted by Area 515, the maker group, to do a class there. There are members there that would like to get their Tech license
- Field Day – June 26-27 in 2021, 4th full weekend – No further updates

Ares Update

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

Programming

- February - Virtual Reality presentation from MechDyne was well attended via Zoom. Received favorable feedback.

Future meetings

- March
 - Discussion about the club station at the Fort. Work is needed to complete the antenna installations.
 - The usual meeting in March by the National Weather Service cannot be done in person. The NWS is having a virtual meeting on April 6th and all are encourage to attend it. A link will be posted on the website.
- April - Pat, KD9BBA, will present on ADSB and setting up a station to receive and report flight information
- 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

- March's meeting will be a dedicated discussion about the club station and the work that needs to be performed.

Hamfest Committee – No update

- DMRAA 2021 Hamfest date of Saturday, April 24th is reserved
- Agreement to have the Hamfest at Fort Des Moines as a tailgate event.
- It was agreed that the club should let contract go at fairgrounds
- At this point no major vendor has agreed to participate due to COVID.
- Pat do to write up

Existing business

- Web site/static page updates – no changes
 - 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.

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- 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. No changes
- 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 suggest 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.

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