

July 8, 2020 MARA meeting minutes

The following are the tentative minutes of the July 8th meeting subject to correction and/or approval at the next meeting.

The July 8th meeting was called to order at 730 PM by President Corey on the MARA 2 meter repeater since our meeting place is still closed because of COVID-19. The following stations checked into the meeting: KD8SZZ, KC8KVR, K9BOJ, K8OOK, W8MSK, and N8GS.

The Secretary did not read the minutes of the previous meeting as directed by the Club President, if interested, the minutes are posted on the MARA Website.

Treasurer's Report: we deposited \$200 from the sale of the Club's FT-100DM to Corey and \$40 from Dues. We paid out \$124.59 for equipment insurance and \$130 for yearly rental of our Post Office box.

Trustee's Report: Our 440 repeater antenna was moved further up Corey's tower to about 50 ft. which give us better coverage. Heat was the problem that caused the repeater to act up in early June. Gale changed some things at the repeater site to solved the problem.

Committee Reports:

2 meter net: net control for 7/9 – N8GS, 7/16 – KC8KVR (simplex), 7/23 – open, 7/30 – KD8SZZ, 8/6 – open.

Membership: nothing

Newsletter: probably out next week

Webmaster: doing minor updates as necessary

Fund Raising: absent

Bereavement: none

Great Lakes Award/Special Events: will finalize things this Fall

Field Day: 6-8 operators showed up and a good time was had by all. There were approx 315 FT-8 and approx 150 SSB QSOs. There was some problems with the N1MM program and the digital contacts, turns out that many other clubs around the country were also having problems.

Old Business: None

New Business:

The expense report from Gale for Field Day was \$21.66 for gas and \$27.94 sausages & pancake mix. Gale reported that even with the lack of sun spots, contacts were fairly easy to make on FT-8 on bands 20 thru 6 meters on July 8th.

Corey closed the meeting at 756 PM.

Submitted by Mike, K8OOK, MARA Secretary