

MARA Business Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2020

Meeting is being held via web on Globalmeet

Meeting begins at 9:06am, Curt, NA7CS

New Business:

We are trying the online system for the first time, and asking for comments (your humble secretary could not be heard, not sure the issue but likely operator error).

Treasurers report, Curt shared the report George sent to him.

The Treasurers report was approved.

There was no secretary report from lack of meetings since Covid-19 arrived.

Announcing Club Officers Elections in November, now accepting nominations for officers.

Lewis Sandoval has taken over website, asking for comments, send feedback to Lewis. Scott commented about having the different nets on the site, it was pointed out where the information is available on the page.

For future meetings, we can try to do presentations using this website, continuing to offer interesting topics for the club during the time when we can't meet together.

Old Business:

Copafest: In serious doubt if this can happen, other hamfests are being canceled and it doesn't seem likely this pandemic will be over by October. If we do, we probably won't have meeting rooms, maybe just tailgate. We may want to hold off until next year. We can offer raffle ticket holders to keep their ticket until next year or a refund. Other hamfests are moving back and may also crowd the fall months, diluting our local ham base. We will have to set a drop dead date to decide, perhaps August 1. If we skip the concessions and meeting rooms, we avoid the large expenses. We don't know if UltraStar will give refunds on canceled events. Topic was tabled to revisit in August.

Field Day: This year being held at Curt's shack. We later learned that the ARRL rules are now allowing members of a club to operate remote and still score points for the club.

Glenn KG2LF – Usually Dayton Hamfest has Contest University, now online. Check <https://www.contestuniversity.com/> for a recording of the Zoom event to view for free.

VE Tests are being held at Chris, W7CGC house. Check with Chris for future dates.

Meeting adjourned around 10am while the video chat continued a while on other topics.

Bob Proctor, N6YPE, Secretary