

CMRA Meeting Minutes for April 2015.

The meeting was called to order by Daniel, KCOUTW, at 7 PM on 14 Apr 2015. There were 17 members present with 3 guests.

Treasurer's Report: Checking Account - \$811.40; CD \$2289.82

Secretary's Report: The March meeting minutes were approved as written.

Old Business:

Don (KM0R) reported on the status of the trailer. A work day is tentatively scheduled at Mac's (K4CHS) house. We still need suggestions for floor plans.

Jon (N0OFJ) reported on March testing. Three tested and passed various tests.

Don (KM0R) and John (KC0HSB) reported on planned updates to the club web site. An update for the contact section is being worked on.

Dave (KV0S) reported on the college club. They had an activity and 4 club members showed up. Daniel (KCOUTW) asked if advertising would help their membership. KV0S stated the club's former room is in a building that is being renovated. They have been promised a room when the renovations are complete.

Daniel (KCOUTW) asked about the Missouri QSO Party. Bill (N0AXZ) reported that 4 members participated, and requested help getting the club recognized in the results. He requested that the participating members submit their results with the club designator (CMRA) on their event logs. He also briefly described the points system.

Bill (N0AXZ) reported on the club mini-field day at Cosmo Park. We had 12 members participate and 6 go kits displayed. We made a few contacts, but we did get to check the operating capabilities of some of the go kits.

Daniel (KCOUTW) asked about Field Day. Mac (K4CHS) reported we have Rock Bridge State Park reserved. Discussion was held on whether we should also look for a more visible location. Daniel also asked about advertising and signage for the event. Bill (N0AXZ) explained that several club members had appeared on local media to advertise in past years. Jon (N0OFJ) said that there was some signage in the old Red Cross building, but it cannot be found. It was suggested that we should have a volunteer chair to coordinate the preparations. No one volunteered. KCOUTW asked if we had any t-shirts or ball caps that participants could wear to help show that we belong to amateur radio.

New Business:

Daniel (KCOUTW) asked about a proposed special event to be held in conjunction with National Fire Prevention Week. Bill (N0AXZ) stated he has contacted one of the local fire departments to coordinate club attendance. He stated we will be welcome. The club informally approved the participation. It will be on 4 Oct 2015 at Columbia Mall. Bill will be the Point of Contact for the event and will submit the necessary paperwork for ARRL recognition. 10:00 AM is the estimated show time. Club member Ellen (WB0VML) has prepared QSL cards for the event. Thanks to both Bill and Ellen for their preparatory work on the event. Volunteers to staff the booth/table will be needed. Contact Bill if

you can help.

Joe (KCOWGB) reported we had a new member application for Tim Spurgeon. His application was voted on and he was approved to be a member. Welcome aboard Tim! Good luck on your test Monday.

Joe also reported on the net activity for the month of March. We had 4 sessions, 62 check-ins, and passed 1 routine message. We need more net controllers for our Wednesday night nets. Anyone who is interested please contact Joe (KCOWGB).

Fred (AE0FD) reported that MFJ has a new antenna analyzer on the market. The new MFJ analyzer is Model 226 for approximately \$350.

Jon (NOOFJ) reported that someone left their umbrella at the Wednesday lunch. Contact Jon if it is yours.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Don (KM0R) and Dave (KV0S) led a lively and interesting discussion on a recent balloon launch.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe (KCOWGB)

CMRA Recording Secretary