

## **CMRA April 2016 Meeting Minutes**

President Daniel (KC0UTW) called the meeting to order at 7 PM CT, April 12, 2016.

We had 22 in attendance, which included 2 virtual attendees, as the meeting was streamed online at Twitch.TV again this month.

Minutes from the March meeting were accepted as they appear on k0si.net.

Don (KM0R) gave the treasurer's report as follows:

Checking: \$916.86

CD: \$2,292.66

### **Old Business**

In the absence of Bill (N0AXZ), Jon (N0OFJ) gave an overview of the NPOTA event, March 10th, at the origin of the Santa Fe Trail, Franklin, MO, as it had been reported to him. About 6-8 hams were present. N0AXZ had antenna trouble, resulting in few contacts. Another NPOTA special event station may be set up in the fall.

Michael (KE0FMA) reported on the Mizzou club net, Monday evenings at 8 PM, on 146.76. To date he was the only MU student on the nets he has held. He extended an invitation for all to participate.

Loretta (KE0FHK) was asked for an update on plans for a contact event with the ISS (International Space Station) at Southern Boone in Ashland. She has submitted a proposal to NASA, but said it would be several more months before word comes from them.

Don (KM0R) gave an update on setting up an arrangement for paying dues online. Working with the bank we use would be too expensive. Other options will be explored.

Dave (KV0S) reported on the MO QSO Party, April 2 & 3. He made several contacts, one of which was with Corey (KC0YNS), who made quite a few contacts himself. A couple others in the room participated as well.

Don (KM0R) had no news regarding the portable repeater.

### **New Business**

Daniel (KC0UTW) reported there will be a forum/meeting about NPOTA (National Parks on the Air) at the Dayton convention in May.

John (KC0HSB) gave the March net report. There were 5 sessions, 89 check ins, and 3 traffic

messages passed.

Jon (N0OFJ) reported on testing. Three passed at least one element, while another will return to try again next month.

Daniel (KC0UTW) shared info concerning an Extreme Weather and Natural Disaster Expo from 10:00 to 14:00 on April 22, 2016, at the Ark in Waynesville, MO. Those interested were encouraged to contact him after the meeting to arrange to get more details.

Dave (KD0EAG) asked if an "Elmer list" was available for new hams. Jon (N0OFJ) said he gives a general tip sheet to new hams who pass their license test. He agreed to put together an "Elmer list" but needs volunteers to be included on said list.

Informal discussion followed on a few unrelated items. It was mentioned that it's time to see if the usual Rockbridge Park site has been reserved for Field Day.

Daniel (KC0UTW) reminded everyone that we still need a recording secretary and net manager. John (KC0HSB) has been filling both posts temporarily. Visitor Paul (KE0IKG) expressed interest in assuming the recording secretary position. He submitted his membership application and dues, but cannot be officially voted in as a member until next month's meeting, according to club bylaws.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

After the meeting Dave (KD0EAG) gave a presentation on RTL-SDR dongles, an inexpensive means to experiment with software defined radio receivers.

Respectfully submitted,

John (KC0HSB), Acting Recording Secretary