

CMRA

Club Meeting Minutes: August 14, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Daniel, KC0UTW, with NUMBER 28 in attendance.

The July minutes were read and accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking	\$1,773.49
Savings	2,256.07
CD	2,284.18

At the opening of the meeting, Bob, K0YBN, introduced Jane Unger, a visitor and prospective new amateur radio operator. The Club welcomed her to the meeting and ham radio in general.

Old Business

Jon, N0OFJ, gave a short report on the upcoming MS-150 Bike Ride which will be held on September 7th. They are expecting around 3,000 riders. There is still a need for additional amateur radio operators for some of the sag vans and rest stops, and need a few more drivers as well. Jon mentions there will be two separate nets during the event to handle all of the required communications. Contact Jon if you would like to assist.

Dave, KV0S, mentioned the balloon launch may happen in October. Due to the increasing cost of helium and its scarcity the balloon will probably use hydrogen. Using hydrogen is a bit riskier due to its flammability and will require the use of a different and more expensive regulator. Fox hunters will be needed to locate and recover the package once it lands.

Jon, N0OFJ, said there haven't been any recent requests to hold foxhunts but there might be one arranged, tentatively scheduled for September 22.

Don, KM0R, gave a report on the '76 repeater which is still off the air. The controller has a problem that was probably cause by the in-cabinet air conditioner failure. The air conditioner problem has been diagnosed as a defective blower motor. The estimate to repair the air conditioner is \$900.00. Mike, KD0LIG, mentioned a possible second source for the motor which will be looked into. The Club approved by vote spending up to \$1,000 to fix the air conditioner. Once Don and Mike have looked into our options it will be brought to the Executive Committee for final approval.

Corey, KC0YNS, spoke about the upcoming Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) which will be held October 20th. Current plans are to activate 3 stations, SSB, Digital, and CW, at the

Arrow Rock State Park. Any and all are welcome. Corey asked if the Club would purchase 30 patches at \$4.00 each for the participating scouts. Corey also mentioned that at last year's event little prizes were awarded and the scouts really enjoyed them. The Club approved the immediate purchase of the patches so Corey can get them ordered in time for the event. The possible prizes will be addressed at a future meeting.

Dave, KV0S, updated us on the current attempt to revive the UMC amateur radio club. One of the problems with getting the club reactivated is that the University requires a certain number of students, faculty, and staff for any University affiliated clubs. Dave currently knows of around 15 people that fall into these groups. Once the club is sanctioned they will try to get W0ZLN, the club's historic callsign back.

Don, N0UBC, mentioned that a couple of our club members have recently been in the hospital.

New Business

The Club voted on a membership application for Ian Kable, KD0RSR. Ian's application was approved. Welcome to the Club.

Dan, KC0UTW, mentioned that he has been contacted by some folks that were disappointed that the Club did not hold its annual auction. After a brief discussion, the consensus was that the Club does favor holding the auction, but until someone takes the reins and runs with it, it can't be done. We can't expect the same people to do this year after year, but we do appreciate all the work people have put into previous auctions. Bob, KOYBN, said that if we do hold another auction Brent Voorheis would be happy to be the auctioneer. If you really want to have an auction, consider volunteering to chair the event.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Mike, AC0G, gave a surprising presentation on first aid and what he considers the most important items in a "first aid kit". For non-medically trained individuals a cell-phone or radio to summon help, clean water for rinsing out wounds and hydration, and even a blanket for comforting and sheltering a patient until medical assistance arrives should be higher on the list than most of the items found in your usual first aid kit.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Lawler/ WY0B
CMRA Recording Secretary