CMRA August 2014 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Daniel, KCOUTW. There were 16 members and 1 guest present.

The minutes from July were accepted as written.

Treasurers Report:

Checking Account: \$397.46 Savings Account: \$0.00

CD: \$2288.50

Old Business:

Bill, NOAXZ, reported on the Region F Healthcare Coalition Drill and stated that it went surprisingly well. The drill consisted of stations checking in on Jefferson City and Columbia repeaters. The Communications Resource Unit (CRU) initially could not hit the Jefferson City repeater, but could when a higher gain antenna was used. The only local station not checked was the airport unit because not enough amateurs were available to staff it. The question was raised if the club needed to contact the University Hospital to get a better antenna for the CRU. Answer: no it is not. The hospital is aware of the issue. Drill is intended to be conducted quarterly.

Daniel, KCOUTW, asked if anyone had gone to the two hamfests last month. No one did.

Jon, NOOFJ, reported on testing last month. Seven tested and seven passed.

Bill, NOAXZ, reported that he needs to recruit new hams for the upcoming simulated emergency test (SET).

Jon, NOOFJ, reported that the college club has access to some funding but doesn't know the status of any purchases of gear. The club has space in campus. It needs to have power issues resolved and coax runs established to the roof. Club callsign is WOZOU. Club had about 22 members last spring before the college let out for the summer. Daniel, KCOUTW, thanked NOOFJ for his efforts getting the club started.

Jon, NOOFJ, reported on the MS 150 on 6-7 Sep. MS is looking for approximately 70 communicators. He explained the bike session. Local training is on Friday, 15 Aug, at 6 PM at the Columbia Visitors Bureau 300 S. Providence. MS150 would like to use 146.76 as a backup repeater for the bike ride. Approved by the club.

Joe, KCOWGB, reported that Corey, KCOYNS, requested permission to dispose of unneeded/unused club equipment. It was recommended that the club be provided with a list so members could bid on items that they want. Request approved with the recommendation.

Joe, KCOWGB, reported on new members. One approved last month with two possible this month. He also made the net report. 5 sessions, 64 QNI, and 6 QTC.

Daniel, KCOUTW, reported on the Pigeon Forge Convention. Information is on the club web site under events and announcements. Daniel also reported on the webinar for HB 4969. It is to lift restrictions on antennas by covenants and deed restrictions.

The Peoria Superfest is scheduled for 19-21 Sept at the Peoria Exposition Gardens. Gordon West is the guest speaker.

New members were approved. KEOAJE, Ralph Foster, and KEOBJK, Curtis Powderly were approved as new members. Welcome aboard.

Joe, KCOWGB, reported he had contacted the Boone County Sheriff Department to request a K-9 team to speak to BCARES, but recommends that the presentation/demonstration be held during the CMRA meeting.

Don, KMOR, reported on the status of the trailer. Questions and input can be sent to the committee: KCOUTW, KCOWGB, KCOYNS, KMOR, NSOY, and K4CHS are the committee members.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

A program was presented by Dave, KD0EAG, on 3D printers.

Respectfully Submitted;

Joe, KCOWGB CMRA Recording Secretary