

CMRA Meeting Minutes for July 13th 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:04 by Dave, KDOEAG

A motion to accept minutes from last meeting was made by Tim, WOTES and seconded by a majority.

No treasury report was given for this meeting.

John, KCOHSB gave the NET Report for the month. There were 5 net sessions with 93 checking in and 3 traffic messages passed. We also are in need of more net control operators.

There were a total of 12 members in attendance.

There were 4 guests at the meeting, John KE0IUO, Jordan KC4JTP, Chris, and Ben. John, Chris and Ben turned in their membership applications to be voted on at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Dave, KDOEAG reminded everyone about the W0DXCC Convention in Schaumburg IL with the Key Note Speaker being Tom Gallagher, NY2RF who is the new ARRL CEO.

Field Day. Fred, AE0FD said there were approximately 21 in attendance for Field Day and that the trailer went un-used. Tim, WOTES prepared great food for everyone in attendance. There were 2 people from SEMA and 1 from FEMA that were able to attend the field day operations. From SEMA there was Brenda Geerlach and JD Simmons. Field Day operations continued until around 6pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Jon, N00FJ mentioned an exercise in Butler MO at the Bates County Fair Grounds. Also mentioned was the MS Gateway bike ride in Alton, IL on Sept 10-11 2016 and hams will be needed to provide communications.

Regional VHF meeting in Rochester NM on July 28th

Tim, WOTES suggested the possibility of a second NET one day per month for equipment testing, specifically to push the limits of our equipment in the event of an emergency requiring communications between multiple counties.

Bill, N0AXZ brought up the 2016 ARRL Simulated Emergency Test which will be held November 12 2016. The test will include mobile HF communications.

Tim, WOTES mentioned that our repeater currently does not have a battery backup and that the group needs to do something to remedy that. Jon, N00FJ said the problem is with the cabinet space available at the repeater location. Paquin Towers has very limited space for a battery backup.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11

Fred, AE0FD gave an excellent presentation on a 2m half wave dipole antenna.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary Paul Watt, KE0IKG