

CMRA March 2016 Meeting Minutes

President Daniel (KC0UTW) called the meeting to order at 7 PM CT, March 8, 2016.

During roll call Mac (K4CHS) drew attention to his hat, worn in honor of the late Pete Stewart, whose K0SI call sign is used by the club.

We had 32 in attendance, which included 2 visitors, and several virtual attendees, as noted below.

Don (KM0R) explained the meeting was being streamed online for the first time. (Links for Twitch.tv were sent to the e-mail list before and after the meeting.) As many as nine viewers were online. Two were hams, and seven were unidentified guests. The video is available for 14 days after the meeting.

Minutes from February's meeting were accepted as they appear on k0si.net.

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

Checking: \$966.86

CD: \$2,292.28

Old Business

Don (KM0R) reported the portable repeater for the communications trailer had arrived, but it wasn't ready for use yet.

Bill (N0AXZ) reported on the NPOTA (National Parks on the Air) event to take place Thursday, March 10th at the origin of the Santa Fe Trail, Franklin, MO. An article with details was posted to k0si.net (in the Events & Announcements category). The plan was to meet for breakfast at 8:30 at the Main Street Cafe, Boonville, then go to the operation site to be on air for an unspecified length of time.

N0AXZ also reported on the successful Froze Toes bike race held February 28th. Nine hams provided communications assistance for the 200-plus bikers who participated under windy conditions.

Dave (KV0S) knew of no new news to report on the parity bills before the Missouri legislature. The bills would allow hams reasonable accommodations to have antennas where they're currently restricted.

Daniel (KC0UTW) reminded everyone we still need a regular recording secretary and net manager. He'd like to have the positions filled by next month, either by volunteers who come forward, or by appointment.

John (KC0HSB) gave the net report for February. There were four sessions, 65 check-ins and 2 traffic messages passed.

Bill (N0AXZ) reported the wife of Joe (N0JEC/SK) sent a second thank you note and donated \$250 for BCARES and CMRA to do something in Joe's name. After discussion, a motion was made and carried to use the money for funding the portable repeater and put plaques recognizing Joe's service to communications on the case for the repeater as well as inside the trailer. None of the \$250 would go toward the cost of the plaques.

Michael (KE0FMA) reported the first Mizzou club net was held Monday, March 7th, with three check-ins. He hopes for student participation. The net will be on Mondays at 8 PM on the 146.76 repeater while the university is in session.

Jon (N0OFJ) said six took tests to upgrade or get new licenses. Three upgraded and three passed the Tech test. March's testing will be held at the temporary Hyvee, Conley Street location.

Myron (W0ZH) said he and his wife visited the special event station the previous weekend in Fulton to commemorate the 70th anniversary of Winston Churchill's "Iron Curtain" speech. There were few HF contacts because of the ARRL DX contest. The station operated an extra day Monday to get more contacts. Bill (N0AXZ) helped set up Friday afternoon and said the Fulton club put up a good system.

New Business

Loretta (KE0FHK) reminded the club of the contact students from Rockbridge Elementary made with the ISS (International Space Station) previously, and she asked for the club's support to do another contact event at Southern Boone in Ashland. She'll write the proposal for NASA. It may be the spring of 2017 before the event would take place. The Rockbridge contact made quite an impact on the kids who participated. A motion was made and approved to support Loretta's efforts. Equipment will need to be acquired, such as an apparatus to hold the antenna and repair or replacement of a preamp.

Three new members were approved by vote. The first was John (KF5KI). His application had been mailed in, but he was not present at the meeting. (Note: This was actually a duplicate vote, since after the meeting it was observed he had been voted in at the February meeting.) Others voted in were Dee (KC0DEO) and Earl (KE0HIR).

Don (KM0R) noted it's part of the recording secretary's responsibilities to have printed membership forms at club meetings. Membership application forms are also available online at k0si.net. Click on the Membership tab, and the link is near the bottom of the page.

Dave (KV0S) explained what the Missouri QSO Party is all about. It takes place April 2 & 3 this

year. CMRA sponsored a plaque last year for rovers or the Mobile Single-Op Low Power SSB category, and the club is sponsoring that plaque again this year. A link to the site with info and rules is on k0si.net under Events & Announcements.

Don (KM0R) brought up the matter of making it possible to pay dues online. Paypal and other options were discussed. The club agreed to have Don look into this further, and a vote will be taken later.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Two programs followed. Myron (W0ZH) gave a presentation on an antenna he built which can be operated from his attic. This was followed by a thorough instruction session from Jon (N0OFJ) on fox hunting.

Respectfully submitted,

John (KC0HSB), Acting Recording Secretary