

CMRA May 2016 Meeting Minutes

Don (KM0R) called the meeting to order at 7 PM CT, May 10, 2016, in the absence of the president, Daniel (KC0UTW).

We had 17 in attendance, which included 2 visitors. We had an additional 4 virtual attendees bby way of the online streaming at Twitch.TV.

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

Checking: \$1,016.86

CD: \$2,292.66 (Unchanged from last month.)

Old Business

Don (KM0R) asked for any updates on NPOTA (National Parks on the Air). None were reported.

Jon (N00FJ) reported briefly on the ham club at MU. Michael (KE0FMA) skipped his Monday night net to take a test to upgrade his license. He is now an Extra. Since he is graduating, someone else will need to take the helm of the Mizzou club. Michael made a contact with someone who could be a potential candidate to do that.

John (KC0HSB) noted KE0FMA would be missed as a net control on Wednesday nights. He appealed for more net control operators. He reported that in april there were 4 net sessions, 68 check ins, and 5 traffic messages passed.

Don (KM0R) gave an update on setting up an arrangement for paying dues online. Paypal seems to be a good option, but we would need to tack on a little extra to cover the small fee incurred when paying dues.

Jon (N00FJ) reported on testing. Two took tests. One became a Tech. The other upgraded to Extra.

Mac (K4CHS) volunteered to secure our usual location at Rockbridge Park for Field Day. He'll e-mail the CMRA list with an update. More discussion on Field Day will take place at next month's meeting, since the event is the fourth weekend of June.

New Business

Gary (KE0HTY) expressed an interest in starting a club library, since he was picking up past issues of *QST* from John (KF5KI). Since we no longer have a club station, where magazine back issues were kept, it's a good idea to know who has such magazines in their own collections. *QST* is available in digital form online, but searching the material is difficult.

Griff (W5VWP) asked about the possibility of setting up a WiFi network or Packet network in Columbia, as mentioned in the brainstorming session this past winter. A couple of members agreed to talk with him about it after the meeting.

Discussion followed about the communications trailer. It will be brought to Field Day, where members can view it and make plans for further improvements, such as heating and cooling and placement of the portable repeater and antennas.

Ralph (WD6BGN) encouraged hams to help provide communications for the Bicycles Across Missouri event, June 12-17, where bikers will travel from St. Joseph to Hannibal. Those interested should contact him for details.

Paul (KE0IKG) was voted in as a new member. Since he previously expressed interest in becoming Recording Secretary, there was no opposition to him assuming that post right away.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM.

After the meeting, Myron (W0ZH) demonstrated modifications he's made in the past couple of months to an antenna for operation from his attic.

Respectfully submitted,

John (KC0HSB), Acting Recording Secretary