CMRA General Meeting Minutes – 5/13/25

Jim, K0MIZ, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at Boone County Electric Coop.

GENERAL BUSINESS

● There were 18 members present.
● Minutes from the April meeting were approved with corrections. Please read the minutes on the website prior to any meeting as they are not read at the meeting.
● Herb, K0ZB, presented the treasurers report and reported that the transfer to Tigers Community Credit Union is completed and most of the funds have been transferred with a checking balance of $7,519.63. The CD remains at Central Bank with a balance of $2,357.80. The Treasurers report was approved.

MISCELLANEOUS

● Committee/Officer Reports:

   ◦ **Technical Committee –** Dustin, KF0MLB, has met, via internet, with the committee and discussed topics such as website changes, laptops for VE Testing, and POTA use of the K0SI callsign. Bob, AE0UB, is still working on conversion of VE Testing from paper to online. Also, the committee is researching website options and features the club may want and/or use via internet, plus other technical options the club may be interested in.
   ◦ **Education –** Herb, K0ZB, reported that the fall Technician Class started on October 2nd, with demo night on October 16th and testing on November 6th. Spring class starts on March 5, 2026. We ask all available VE's to attend testing and anyone interested in helping to join us. Also, we ask newly licensed technicians on the first night of class. He also discussed the ARRL Teachers Institute and the Education Committee attempt to get local school teachers in this STEM program. See ARRL.ORG for details.
   ◦ **Membership** – Tim, KE8UAW, a recent Technician Class graduate and newly licensed technician was voted as a new member.
   ◦ **Testing** – Bob, AE0UB, reported that the Technician Class produced 8 new Technicians, and 1 new General. The April Testing produced 4 new Technicians and 2 Generals.

OLD BUSINESS

● In Bill, N0AXZ, absence from the meeting, the club discussed the upcoming Lewis and Clark Trails on the Air (LCTOTA). Contact Bill, N0AXZ, to sign up as an activator, and download the rules/instructions from the LCTOTA.ORG website. Or, operate as a hunter trying to contact all the states involved.
● John, NO0I, previously reported he will be running a POTA station in Texas. Unfortunately, due to illness, he was unable to make the trip.
● Bill, KE0SIY, discussed the upcoming Ready Festival in September. BCARES is taking the lead on this event for Amateur Radio.
● Jim, K0MIZ, discussed the Field Day. The rules have been published. Jim printed them and passed around a notebook for members to review. He mentioned several changes in the rules.

Also, many new opportunities to add points to our overall score. He passed around a sign up sheet for planned attendance, with a sheet to identify who has what club assets. He said we are still planning the Pot Luck Dinner for this year. Expected setup time will be about 9am. Jim, K0MIZ, also asked who may be bringing equipment for field day and what stations would they like to operate as.

NEW BUSINESS

- Jim, K0MIZ, mentioned that BCARES is looking into T-Shirts to wear during events and activations, and he asked if the club was interested in this. Mixed comments were passed, and Jon, WW0JON, said he will investigate with the companies he has dealt with about shirts.
- Bob, AE0UB, passed out a proposed policy regarding the use of the K0SI callsign. Several comments and suggestions were made. This policy has been passed around the board and the Technical Committee previously and they helped refine this. Bob, AE0UB, reported he will incorporate the changes discussed during the meeting, submit the file to Dustin, KF0MLB, to post on the website for all to review, then next month we will readdress this policy and decide whether to approve or not.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM

Program: Charlie, KV0F, and Herb, K0ZB, prepared a presentation on What-3-Words. Following that, Myron, W0ZH, present a presentation on "Grey Line Propagation".

Respectfully submitted
Bob Ackerman, AE0UB, Recording Secretary

GENERAL INFORMATION OF INTEREST

Monthly **CMRA** meeting, 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm at:

> **Boone Electric Cooperative**
> 1413 Rangeline St
> Columbia, MO 65201

Weekly Wednesday Luncheon at Hy-Vee on Conley is activated. Everyone welcome 11:30-ish.

Coffee w/Elmers fellowship each Saturday morning @8:30 on Zoom. Contact Chris, K0PHP, for details.

Testing is conducted at Lenoir Woods Retirement Facility in Columbia on the 3rd Tuesday each month. Contact Bob, AE0UB, or any Club Officer to register for an exam session.

Equipment Loan Program—See **https://k0si.net/membership/equipment-loan-policies/** for the club's equipment loan policies.

Dues for 2025 are due. Pay by cash, check, or credit card to the Treasurer at a meeting, or mail a check to the following address, or use K0SI.Net for online payment with a credit card.

> CMRA
> PO Box 283
> Columbia, MO 65205

BCARES meets at the ECC press room. 6:30pm 1st Tuesday of each month.

> 2121 County Drive
> Columbia, MO 65202

WEEKLY NETS *

- Columbia - CMRA/BCARES Weekly Net on Wednesday Nights @ 9:00 PM – 146.760 (-600 Khz) pl 127.3

- Fulton – Callaway Amateur Radio League - 2M Net Wednesday Nights @ 8:45 PM 147.315 (+600Khz) pl 127.3

- Mexico - 2 M Net Tuesday Nights @ 8:00 PM – 147.255 (+600 kHz) pl 127.3

- Boonville – W0BRC Boonville Amateur Radio Club - 2 M Net Thursdays @ 7:00 PM – 147.360 (+600 kHz) No Tone

- Jefferson City – Mid-Mo ARC Wednesdays @ 8:00 PM – 147.000 (-600 kHz) pl 127.3

- Rolla – RRARS – Nightly Net @ 8:00 PM – 146.790 (-600 Khz) pl 88.5

- PSK31 @ 8:30 Sundays – 3.580

- A Winlink Vara FM node has been added for 144.97. Antenna is located at Chris, K0PHP, home. Check out K0PHP-10

* If anyone knows the names of the clubs not listed in the above listing, or if you have a club net you want to be listed, please email the list to AE0UB@Proton.me, so those names can be added.