

CMRA February 2016 Meeting Minutes

President Daniel (KC0UTW) called the meeting to order at 7 PM CT, February 9, 2016. There were 22 in attendance--17 members and 5 visitors.

Daniel (KC0UTW) asked those present to observe a brief moment of silence for Joe Casler (N0JEC, SK). Bill (N0AXZ) read a thank you card from Joe's wife. Joe was honored to serve as an officer in both CMRA and BCARES and enjoyed the comradery. The card was passed around for all to see.

Other than a typo to be corrected in the January minutes, they were accepted as presented online.

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

Checking: \$789.87

CD: \$2,292.28

Old Business

Don (KM0R) reported the tech class, previously announced on the CMRA e-mail list, has been postponed indefinitely. Hopefully the class can be held sometime this spring. There will be no charge for the class, but the testing fee is \$15. The class will be an all day event on a Saturday. More info to come later.

Don (KM0R) reported the check to purchase a portable repeater for the communications trailer had been sent. We're now awaiting delivery.

Daniel (KC0UTW) reminded the group there is no weather spotting class scheduled for Boone County. However, one will be held in Callaway County, February 23rd, at 1 PM and 6:30 PM, Callaway Electric Coop Building, Fulton, MO, corner of Highways 54 and H.

John (KC0HSB) gave the net report for January. There were four sessions, 65 check-ins and 1 traffic message passed.

New Business

Daniel (KC0UTW) reminded the group we need to fill the positions of recording secretary and net manager. He thanked John (KC0HSB) for filling both slots for now.

John (KC0HSB) reported he passed January's net report to Corey (KC0YNS), who is active in the NTS traffic system for MO; but he stated he doesn't want the net manager post permanently.

Don (KM0R) spelled out the duties of net manager, which include scheduling net controllers for each net, collecting data for the monthly report to be passed up the line, and mentor other net control operators. The more net controllers we have, the more ready we would be for running a net in the event of an emergency. John (KC0HSB) made an additional appeal for net control operators and agreed to serve as net manager temporarily, until we can officially fill the post, hopefully by late spring or early summer.

Two new members were voted in. They are John (KF5KI) and Gary V., who is studying for his license. It was noted that membership application forms are available online at k0si.net. Click on the Membership tab, and the link is near the bottom of the page.

Bill (N0AXZ) talked about the Froze Toes bike race, February 28th, held by the bike club of Columbia. We've provided communications for them for several years. The first race is at 9:00, with the last one around 12:00. Operators would be done by roughly 1:00-1:15. Eight hams have volunteered so far with one or two more needed. Contact N0AXZ for details and to help out. If it snows, the make-up date is the following Sunday.

Bill (N0AXZ) also discussed NPOTA (National Parks on the Air), sponsored by the ARRL in honor of the centennial celebration of the creation of national parks. Special event stations will be held this year at national parks, historic sites, trails and other designated locations. Bill would like CMRA to take part in activating a special event station at the Santa Fe trail head across the Missouri River from Boonville on a Sunday in March. No date has been set yet. Recording of contacts for ARRL will be done through Logbook of the World. Discussion followed pertaining to the use of the club's call sign for the event.

Discussion followed briefly about the club repeater having been shut down for a few hours that day due to malicious interference.

If anyone can provide a projector for use during or after club meetings, contact KM0R. Joe (N0JEC) had been our source for a projector previously.

Jon (N0OFJ) reported the January testing session took place at the Conley Hyvee (a temporary location) and was well attended. Each one who tested passed at least one element.

Dave (KV0S) spoke about the parity bills in the MO legislature, which would allow hams reasonable accommodations to have antennas where currently restricted. Bills in each house have several sponsors, so it's hopeful they'll pass this session. Search Ham Radio Now for a video on Parity in Missouri.

Michael (KE0FMA) announced he's the new president of the Mizzou Amateur Radio Club. He asked for, and received, the club's approval to use the 146.76 repeater Monday evenings at 8 PM for the Mizzou club to conduct a net, which may start within a couple weeks. He also asked (and will receive) CMRA's help in providing fox hunting equipment for future fox hunting events. It was suggested we have a program about fox hunting after a CMRA meeting soon and invite Mizzou club members.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM CT.

Following the meeting Dave (KV0S) gave an informative presentation on Logbook of the World.

Respectfully submitted,

John (KC0HSB), Acting Recording Secretary