

CMRA Meeting Minutes for July 11 2017

Brian, AD0UK called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

16 CMRA Members and 1 guest were in attendance.

Minutes from June were approved with 1 correction noted by Gary W9TIG to Paul, KE0IKG via email. The correction was concerning the name of the building where CMRA has its regular monthly meetings. In the June minutes the name was recorded as "Boone Electric Building" when in fact the name is actually "Boone Electric Cooperative". Correction noted and will be used going forward in future minutes.

Treasury Report: No Treasury Report was given

Net Report: Provided by John, KCOHSB. There were 4 net sessions with a QNI of 63 and a QTC of 0.

Testing Report: Provided by Jon, N0OFJ. There were 4 test takers. 2 passed the Technician exam, 1 upgrade to General and 1 upgrade to Extra.

Committee Reports

HF Equipment Loan Committee: The requirements for equipment loans are still being discussed.

Old Business

Club dues are due for 2017. Club dues can now be paid by credit card. See Don, KM0R for details.

The club is still in search of new Net Manager, if anyone is interested please contact John, KCOHSB.

If there is anyone who is interested in hosting a weekly net session please contact John, KCOHSB.

Reminder that August 21st 2017 is the Solar Eclipse. Bill, N0AXZ inquired about having a Field Day centered on the Solar Eclipse event. After a discussion among the members who were present it was decided that due to the rarity and significance of this event that it would be better to let everyone enjoy this rare and special occurrence. If anyone is interested in operating during the solar event there is an Eclipse QSO party being held by hamSCI. Information for Eclipse QSO party can be found at:

<http://www.hamsci.org/seqp>

Jon, N0OFJ mentioned that the 146.61 repeater was still down and in need of a new location to place the transmitter. If anyone has any suggestions for placement of the transmitter please contact Jon, N0OFJ.

Brian, AD0UK had business cards with CMRA Club information, Meeting times and location, and Weekly net times and frequencies printed up. A motion was made, seconded, voted on and passed to allow each dues paying member of the CMRA club to receive 10 cards initially to pass out to whomever they speak to who is interested in HAM Radio.

New Business

Bill, N0AXZ sent in an article highlighting the BCARES contribution to the 2016 Simulated Emergency Test (SET test) and it was published in the July issue of QST on page 72 titled "Can You Hear Me Now?".

New member Ernest, KE0BJO was voted in as a member of CMRA. Please welcome Ernest to the club!

The meeting adjourned around 7:48 pm

Presentations

Bill, N0AXZ gave an excellent presentation on CMRA's contribution to the ARRL 2017 Field Day.

Myron, W0ZH gave another excellent presentation on antennas and radio propagation. He referenced Army Training Manual TM11-666, Antennas and Radio Propagation as an great source of information on the topic.

Thank you to Bill, N0AXZ and Myron, W0ZH for sharing their presentations with the club!

Reminders

Weekly Nets

- CMRA/BCARES Weekly Net on Wednesday Nights @ 9:00 PM – 146.760 (-600 Khz) pl 127.3
- Howard County – Wednesday Nights Simplex 146.505
- Fulton – Callaway Amateur Radio League - 2M Net 147.315 (+600 Khz) No Tone @ 8:45 PM
- Mexico – 2 M Net Tuesday Nights @ 8:00 PM – 147.255 (+600 Khz) No Tone
- Boonville – 2 M Net Thursdays @ 8:30 PM – 147.360 (+600 Kz) No Tone
- Jefferson City – Mid-Mo Amateur Radio Club – 147.000 (-600 Khz) pl 127.3

Meetings

- Testing on: July 18, 2017 @ 7:00 pm @ The Cumulus Broadcasting Bldg. 503 N Old HWY 63
- CMRA Meeting next month on Aug 8, 2017 @ 7:00 pm @ Boone Electric Cooperative
- BCARES Meeting next month on: Aug 1, 2017@ 6:30 pm @ Boone County Emergency Communications Center

Events and HAMFESTS coming up:

- 2017 Central States VHF Society Conference, July 27-30, 2017 – Albuquerque, NM

<http://2017.csvhfs.org/>

- W4DXCC Convention, Sept 22-23, 2017 in Pigeon Forge, TN
<http://www.w4dxcc.com/>
- DCC TAPR Conference – Sept 14-15, 2017 – Earth City, MO
<https://www.tapr.org/dcc.html>
- Microwave Update (MUD) – Conference – October 26-29, 2017 – Santa Clara, CA
<http://www.microwaveupdate.org/>

Minutes respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary Paul, KE0IKG