

CMRA General Meeting Minutes - 3/13/24

Myron, W0ZH, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Our President, Jim K0MIZ, arrived after the meeting started.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- There were 14 members present.
- Minutes from the January meeting were approved. Please read the minutes on the website prior to any meeting as they are not read at the meeting.
- Our Treasurer, Herb, K0ZB, was absent and emailed his report to the club officers. Bob, AE0UB, read the report, that reported a checking balance of \$7176.44 and a CD balance of \$2,331.63. He also reported that the not for profit status has been filed with the state which included a change of registered agent to Herb, K0ZB, and his address. He also reminded the membership that dues are due. A current membership roster was passed around so that members could verify that they had paid.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Committee Reports:
 - **Education** – The 2024 Spring Technician Class is starting on Thursday, March 21 at the Fire Headquarters. Demo Night for the Spring 2024 session will be on April 4, 2024. We have 15 students signed up so far.
 - **Testing** – We had 3 people tested in February and passed. 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.

OLD BUSINESS

- Vara FM for Winlink is still down. Chris K0PHP was not at the meeting to report on updates.
- Myron, W0ZH, asked if the group would like a presentation on traffic handling. It was recommended that Chris K0PHP be asked if he would do a presentation on this topic at a future meeting.
- Questions about Field Day 2024 were made. Coordinating Volunteer Bill, N0AXZ, has submitted the forms for reserving our location for Rock Bridge State Park but has not received a reply of approval. He also reported that ARRL does not have information for 2024 Field Day posted yet.
- A discussion regarding the Lewis and Clark Trails on the Air (LCTOTA) for this year. Bill, N0AXZ, said he has a few individuals interested but he has not received any information yet. The LCTOTA group is looking for 2 clubs in each state to participate.

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NEW BUSINESS

- Jim, KOMIZ, reminded the group that our April meeting will be at Shakespeare Pizza South, and asked if there were any objections. None were presented.
- Missouri QSO Party is scheduled for the 6th and 7th of April. They have a group on Facebook, search “Missouri QSO Party”, or use their webpage at <https://w0ma.org/index.php/missouri-qso-party>

Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM

Program: Charlie, KF0FZV, displayed and discussed his Chameleon Loop Antenna and presented a slide show with this performance with FT8 on various bands. He discussed the difficulty in tuning the antenna at times and he uses this antenna as his primary HF antenna. While rather large with a 3’ diameter loop sitting on a small tripod, and the antenna is portable.

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 K0PHP for details.

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

Dues for 2024 Submitted? Please mail to the following address or use K0SI.Net for online payment with a credit card.

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CMRA
PO Box 283
Columbia, MO 65205

BCARES is meeting in person now at the ECC press room. 6:30pm 1st Tuesday of each month.

2121 County Drive
Columbia, MO 65202

WEEKLY REMINDERS

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 – 2 M Net Thursdays @ 8:30 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
- Simplex Net – Sundays @ 8:00 PM 146.440 simplex
- PSK31 @ 8:30 Sundays – 3.580
- A new Winlink Vara FM node has been added for 144.97. Check out K0PHP-10. **NOTE: This node is currently out of service.**