

## **CMRA Meeting Minutes--May 8, 2018**

Brian (AD0UK) called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

22 were in attendance, including one visitor, our guest speaker (see below). Welcome to our newly licensed hams.

April minutes were approved as written.

Treasury Report: Checking: \$791.51. CD: \$2298.21.

Testing Report: Jon (N0OFJ) reported 5 people passed the Tech test in April.

Net Report: Bill (N0AXZ) reported 4 sessions in April, with QNI 74, and QTC 0.

### **Old Business**

Field Day: Bill (N0AXZ) discussed the 2018 event to take place on Saturday and Sunday, June 23rd & 24th. After reviewing the purpose and nature of Field Day, he reiterated the need for volunteers to help with duties including:

- Safety officer
- GOTA (Get on the air) monitor/coach
- Media & publicity—Contact Brian (AD0UK) if you can help with this.
- Someone to provide a noncommercial power source (other than generators)—Tim (W0TES) will bring solar panels & battery.
- Someone to copy messages from W1AW
- Someone to invite elected officials & members of served agencies
- Someone to promote Field Day on social media
- Food cook or someone to order pizza
- Someone familiar with the logging program we'll use
- Station operators (Obviously, this is a must.)

Note: Contact Bill (N0AXZ) especially if you can operate overnight.

Though we don't emphasize getting points as other clubs might, it's good when we can get them for things like: operating with off-grid power other than generators, making contacts in various modes, and promoting to youth (Scouts, etc.).

Field Day does call for work, but it's a fun event worth the effort. Come and bring a friend.

### **New Business**

Bill (N0AXZ) brought our attention to an entertaining article in the April issue of CQ magazine about a new award for Working All Rivers and Tributaries (WART). This provoked some discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.

## **Presentation**

Chuck Kraly (K0XM) with the Backyard Repeater Group (Kansas City, KS area) gave an excellent presentation on DMR (Digital Mobile Radio). He will provide a PDF with info. (It will be made available via the e-mail list and k0si.net.) Also see info at <http://www.byrg.net>.

DMR is experiencing tremendous growth and changes. Chuck observed, "It's not your daddy's ham radio." The BYRG will help CMRA establish DMR in Columbia. Our club has decisions (and plans?) to make. Stay tuned for details.

## **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 each Wednesday
- Mexico – 2 M Net Tuesday Nights @ 8:00 PM – 147.255 (+600 Khz) No Tone (They're adding PL Tone 127.3 June 2, 2018.)
- Boonville – 2 M Net Thursdays @ 8:30 PM – 147.360 (+600 Khz) No Tone
- Jefferson City – Mid-Mo Amateur Radio Club – 147.000 (-600 Khz) PL 127.3
- Rolla – RRARS – Nightly Net @ 8:00 PM – 146.790 PL 88.5

### **Meetings**

- Testing on: May 15, 2018 @ 7:00 PM @ The Lenoir Woods Community Center.
- CMRA Meeting on: June 12th, 2018 @ 7:00 PM, Boone Electric Cooperative
- BCARES Meeting on: June 5th, 2018 @ 6:30 PM, Boone County Emergency Communications Center
- Weekly Luncheon at Hyvee on Conley St around 11:30-ish AM each Wednesday.

### **Upcoming Events and HAMFESTS:**

- International Grid Chase is underway from January 1st 2018 to December 31st 2018.
- May 18-20, ARRL Expo at Hamvention, Xenia, Ohio

Minutes respectfully submitted,

John (KC0HSB) for Paul (KE0IKG)