

SMCARA Meeting Minutes, 27 February 2020

- Meeting called to order: Jayne McNutt, W4VJU
- Pledge of Allegiance, Led by Jayne
- 15 people in attendance signed-in and gave introductions. Nice to see a few guests in attendance.
- Presentation:
 - Austin Steingrube, KC3NSE gave a presentation on 3D printing. It was very informative and included a slide show, and a good number of questions were asked and answered at the end of presentation. He does programs at libraries in the area including our St. Mary's County Library.
- Report from Officers:
 - President: Rob Hoyt, N2OMC - not in attendance
 - Vice President: Pete Butt, WA3UMY - not in attendance
 - Secretary - Jayne - asked if they were corrections for Jan. Minutes, none mentioned
 - Treasurer - Walt Rupp, W3GYT, gave us the treasurer report, and we are solvent. We are having the monthly breakfast at Cracker Barrel on 1st Saturday, 7 March at 0800 and all are welcome

Old Business with New Updates:

- Winter Field Day, 1/25/20, was a success with 7 people in attendance

- N2OMC sent in the log, results should be posted soon on the ARRL Winter Field Day website
- Total of 16 phone contacts and our claimed score was: 1,532
- Technology and Arts Expo - STEM Fest will be this Saturday, 2/29 at the Pax River NAS Museum: 1000 - 1700
 - We will be setting up our display tomorrow (Friday) afternoon in the “Radio Room”, the room we used for Summer Field Day
 - Please come out to museum and say hello, and possibly man a place at one of the tables for a bit, to give the people who have signed up a small break. We will have radios and snap circuits, handouts, and maybe an oscilloscope set up. This event is very well attended and we are expecting 500 + kids
 - If at home, please monitor the 146.640 repeater for possible QSO’s with the kids
- Lower Potomac Half Marathon: 8 March
 - Rick, W1JRM reported he has 6 people signed up and is good to go. Will be sending those people an email with details soon.
- Fox Hunt Date: Sunday, 3 May starting at 1200 - foxes will be someplace in Southern MD - more details later
- Field Day, 27-28 June:
 - Tony Barrett, N5TB, will be teaming up with Tom Clarke, W4OKW, and as usual will work with many members so we can have another Fun Field Day

- Location was discussed. Chris Olsen, KC3ERI suggested having it at the St. Mary's County Fairground - a good number of people liked that idea. Chris and Tony are going to work together to see if that can work. It was also discussed that we could alternate between PAX Museum and an outdoor location from year to year. Tony asked that we send something out on the Reflector to see if others, not in attendance, had suggestions for a location
- VE Test Sessions: Next test session will be before the meeting on 26 March at PAX NAS River Museum
 - Mike Souders, KB3ZWM, said the test session would start at 1800
- Museum Club Station & Echolink node update - Jayne reported Tom has installed the hardware and that we are in need of a Raspberry Pi software guy, and Austin said he could help. He will call Tom.
- Trailer update - Gene Talley, N3NO - Nothing new to add
- ARES:
 - The ARRL MD/DC Section Emergency coordinator Jim, WB3KAS and his wife Wanda, WB3AHI have a meeting tomorrow with the St. Mary's County Hospital
 - ARES nets are now held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 2000 on the 147.390 repeater.

New Business:

Tony Barrett, N5TB asked if we could set up a "Swap Meet" on our website, and after a good discussion, Austin said he could help Jayne add a Plug-In to our website.

- 50/50 Raffle Results: Friend of Chris Olsen, Shawn Shelko won the raffle and kindly gave his proceeds to the club
- Adjourn meeting: 2047

Respectfully Submitted,

SMCARA Secretary, Jayne McNutt - W4VJU