

SMCARA Zoom Meeting Minutes, 28 May 2020

- Meeting call to order at 1935: Rob Hoyt, N2OMC presiding
- Meeting was held using the video meeting app Zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions and not being able to meet in person
- Report of Officers:
 - Vice President: General comments about his recent radio activity and access to the air museum
 - Secretary: Was not able to make it tonight; no minutes from last two meetings due to nets vice meetings
 - Treasurer: Account is solvent with no issues

Attendance on Zoom:

- WA3UMY Pete Butt (Lexington park, MD)
- AC3CU - Neil Sovern Sr. (Great Mills, MD)
- WA3UMY - Pete Butt (Lexington Park, MD)
- N2OMC - Rob Hoyt (Hollywood, MD)
- KB3ZWM - Julian 'Mike' Souders (Hollywood, MD)
- N3UH - Eric Heard (Florida)
- KC3NEW - Bob Herbig (California, MD)
- N3NO - Gene Talley (Hollywood, MD)
- KB2SKP - Chris McGraw (Lexington Park, MD)
- KB3ZIX - Marty Earhart (California, MD)
- WA3ZGD - John Johnson (Hollywood, MD)
- W3GYT - Walt Rupp (California, MD)
- WB3LCS - Dick Otis (Reston, VA)

Discussion Points:

- Fox Hunt: Still plan to host in Southern, MD; date is TBD in the Fall
- Field Day, 27-28 June:
 - We will not be able to use the NAS museum
 - Most likely we will all do it from our own home/location
 - Looking at possibly doing some type of an internal contest, etc
 - Stay tuned for updates

- Echolink Node: The node is going to Austin, KC3NSE soon for programming then on the air!
- Trailer update:
 - Trailer AC wiring is complete, need to fabricate generator-to-trailer cable
 - Next up is DC power and ordering a few parts including a battery booster
- VE Test Sessions: On hold for now; will start back up as soon as possible
- ARES:
 - The St. Mary's County ARES team will be conducting a communications exercise this coming Saturday, 30 May supporting the American Red Cross
 - Will use Winlink and voice traffic for simulated shelter operations
 - Exercise will run from 0800 – 1000; Voice comms on 147.390 (123.0)
- N2OMC then gave a short presentation on Parks on the Air (POTA):
 - Showed the different sections and features of the main POTA website
 - Discussed how to “hunt” park activators from home
 - Discussed how to activate parks and submit logs afterward
- After the presentation, went around to each person in the Zoom meeting for comments and/or questions:
 - Everyone has been staying busy while staying at home
 - A lot of radio projects are being completed!
- The meeting was adjourned at 2035