

Minutes – MARC Meeting 21 January 2009

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1903 – Meeting called to order by President Dean Buckhouse (KBØVVA)

1903 – Introductions

1904 – It was determined there were no minutes from the previous month's meeting, as it was the Christmas party in December. Those that were present agreed the party and gift exchange was a very enjoyable time.

1907 – Announcements

- It was noted that it was time to pay the annual club dues (\$20, includes family)
- Skywarn Recognition Day was held at the beginning of December; there was a good turnout and good weather for the event.
- Hamcon 2009 is coming up on 29-31 May. Steve (KØSRW) will be giving the program tonight and will be talking about the Hamcon.
- Field Day will be 27-28 June 2009. As it stands now, the club will likely hold it in Lake George again. Dean (KBØVVA) and Gloria Buckhouse (KBØVUX) have offered the use of their property again for the event.

1909 – Officer's Reports

- No reports from the President, VP, or Secretary
- Treasurer's Report
 - Wes Wilson (KØHBZ) gave the report. The quick version is the club still has money. We did receive the \$2000 in county funds again this year. Some of this money is already ear-marked for a few things we wanted to get (another D-STAR board, packet station for Tenderfoot).
 - The finances are getting to a point where we are about to be able to close down the old Campfest account.
 - Wes talked to Kit Haskins (KAØWUC) regarding the issues being seen with the Kenwood repeaters. There are issues with the PA boards and Kenwood was not willing to fix them for us under warranty initially (given the age of the repeaters). However, Kenwood was informed that the club would not pay for issues that Kenwood was not standing behind (the PA issue is known). Though the course of discussion, Kenwood was convinced to send us the replacement PA boards at no charge.
 - (1917) The roster on the MARC website is way out of date. This has caused headaches for the Secretary and Treasurer. It is likely this will be taken off of the site. Jeff (KBØYCI) indicated it should just be pulled off. Rather than keeping a membership roster on the website, the club is encouraging people to join the Yahoo! group that has been set up for the club (Member's only)

1922 – Other announcements

- The Aurora Repeater Association will be holding a swapfest on 8 February
- The club is continuing with the Rada fundraiser; 2 checks were recently received by the club as part of this fundraiser.
- There are 2 HRO catalogs for anyone to take if they wanted them
- Our stack of World Radio copies were available for members to take if they wished.
- (1926) Lyn (KC8I) brought in 2006/2007 issues of QST magazine for people to take if they wished

1929 – Refreshments

- Scotty West (KCØHIL) asked to step down as the refreshment chair/coordinator and asked if someone would like to take over. John Tine (KDØDZR) volunteered
- Gloria Buckhouse (KBØVUX) volunteered to do refreshments for the February meeting.

1929 – Old Business

- MARC QSL card status: Ann Burnham (ACØFB) has been out of town due to work obligations, and has not had a chance to pursue this anymore.

1930 – New Business

- The club had a good VE session on the first Saturday of January.
- The next VE session will be held on 7 March.
- The MARC VE team will be responsible for the session at the Hamcon in May. If any of the club's VE team members will be going up to the convention to participate in this session, please e-mail Scotty (KCØHIL) so he can present the information to the convention committee.
- The club will hold our normal session in May, along with the session at the convention.
- Daniel Hazen (NØBN) mentioned the Park County Radio Club will be having a VE session and club meeting on 24 January. More information can be found on the PCRC's website <http://ab0pc.org>

1936 – Late introductions were made

1937 – Break

1955 – The meeting was called back to order

1955 – Program

- Steve Williams (KØSRW), the chairman for the Hamcon 2009 gave a presentation on the convention. Steve highlighted the speakers who will be presenting as well as gave a good overview of the seminars lined up for the convention.

2036 – Meeting was adjourned.