

Mountain Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the Meeting

19 May 2010

We began the monthly meeting at 7:06 pm, with Dean Buckhouse (KB0VVA) presiding. Following intro's all around, we read the minutes of the prior meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Pete Rawson (N3VW), seconded by Ken Smith (W0DST). No one was able to help me with my memory loss last month.

There will be a VE exam on July 3rd. Everyone is reminded that it will be using the new Tech Pool questions. Club dues, due at the first of the year, are still coming in. The NOAA ARC full exercise, including five counties in south central Colorado, will be June 5th. We still don't know the involvement of Teller County. Steven Steed, our brand new county OEM, just started on May 10th. Steven came from the Denver Mayoral staff. There is a bio on ppare.org if interested.

Field day will be June 25th to 27th at KB0VVA's place. K0TER will coordinate. Campfest will be August 27th to 29th at VVA's also. Our secretary, Bill Wallick (KC0FNV), indicated that our annual business report was filed with the state. Our treasurer, Wes Wilson (K0HBZ), indicated that our non-profit paperwork was also filed.

Under Old Business, we still need meeting program suggestions. Next month the program will be done by Bob Stewart. This is a very special quest, so all please attend. We are planning a fox hunt in the August, September time. Don Johnson (K0DRJ) talked about subscribing to Colorado Life Track. These are ankle bracelets that are intended for people that "wander". They need people that are qualified to track these bracelets.

Under New Business, Wes reported that Dave and Thisle have moved back to St Louis. They still intend to handle our website functions. A young fellow, Kyle, 12 years old, recently passed his VE exam. He works with Civil Air Patrol and intends to be very active in amateur radio. He can not afford a radio. Our club has various radios and equipment from SK hams, that can be donated to this young new ham. We need to check with Kit Haskins, to see if he has an antenna to donate, or perhaps we could purchase a J pole.

Pete Rawson talked about a relatively new HF to internet link called Winmore. They need more link points, but offers a very robust system. Winmore uses PSK and a sound card. Others talked about a similar system, Winlink, that uses a TNC instead. Don Johnson talked about a recent QST article on sound card HF digital modes. Don also mentioned that TCSAR thanks the club for all of the work on their command vehicle.

Jere Joiner (K0JTJ) talked about the recent hikers who disappeared on Mt Hood. Two bodies are still not recovered. They had developed the film from the recovery of the one victim. The pictures are very interesting, depicting SAR difficulties. Jere has these on his computer.

Our repeaters still occasionally howl, but we have not had to unlink them lately. It was mentioned that the courtesy beep changes to a low tone (dut sound) if unlinked. It has a higher tone (beep) if linked. Wes mentioned that the Megalink system in New Mexico, Texas, Arizona, sends a morse code courtesy beep to identify the receiving repeater. Very handy. Pete Rawson talked about a number of software defined radios that are available on the internet. Wes mentioned that the PPFMA is rather sensitive about telling people where the 970 repeater is located.

Our meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

Seventeen members, one guest.

Submitted by Bill Wallick, Secretary