

# Mountain Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes for 21 February 2024

## Attendees

Name	Call Sign	Member	Guest
Dean Buckhouse	KB0VVA	Y	
Jon Cashatt	KJ0CFW	Y	
Derek Brown	K0ATV	Y	
Daniel Wise	AE0SP	Y	
Ed Bretag	N0ZPX	Y	
Brian Holman	KE0CO	Y	
Victor Poston	AD0VP	Y	
Tom Roberts	K2MTM	Y	
Tom Sullivan	K0BNO	Y	
Greg Liverman	K0MGL	Y	

## Minutes

- Call to Order at 19:10
- Introductions
- Silent Keys - none
- New Members - none
- New License or Upgrades - none
- Recognize Volunteer Service - none
- Personal Certificates or Awards Achieved - none
- Reading & Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes – Minutes from the last meeting were not available
- Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's Report was not available
- Committee Reports
  - VE Report – next VE session will be 2 Mar 2024 at the TCSO in Divide at 10am
  - ARES Report -
  - Special Inventory Committee Report – no new action. Brian Holman requested the use of a gin pole that he believes the club has. Dean said that he would check the MARC storage shed at the County yard in Divide
  - Standing Programs & Presentation Committee Report – no update
  - Technical Action Committee
    - 220 Repeater – Danny AE0SP reports that the repeater is close to being put on the air. The cables are in place, the EEPROM was been reprogrammed by Bill KC0FNV so that the repeater IDs with NX0G and an antenna (copper J-Pole) is in place.
    - Chaz (Callsign??) donated a four-bay dipole antenna to the club. Danny brought it to the meeting. Brand new in the box – for the last 50 years.

## MARC Meeting Notes

Complete with the four elements and phasing harness. It needs some aluminum tubing to mount the elements on and mounting hardware to fix it to a mast or tower. Danny will get us Chaz' full name, call and address so we can send an appropriate thank you.

- Old Business
  - The Ed Fong antenna order should arrive shortly. Greg collected money for Dan AE0TX from those who had ordered something and were present at the meeting. Others should contact Dan and make arrangements to pay and pick up their antenna.
  - Winter Field Day report from Derek K0ATV - The Winter Field Day took place at Dean's property in Lake George. Multiple antennas, four bands, 51 contacts, 208 points. Derek and Mike K0FYR were there over six continuous hours. The Ice Castles people never came through with permission for us to operate there. We'll try again next year.
- New Business
  - Jon KJ0CFO – Negotiations between the Special Communications Unit of the Pikes Peak Region Office of Emergency Management and the US Forest Service regarding the cost of leasing space for the 146.970 and 448.450 repeaters on the summit of Pikes Peak are not going well. Due the cost required by US Forest service, it is likely these repeaters will be taken off the air.
  - There is a non-licensed operator on the Colorado Connection. If you hear him, do not engage. If you can receive him on the INPUT frequency of any ColCon repeater, fill out an interference report at the ColCon website.
  - MegaFest – The MegaFest is back at Lewis-Palmer High School in Monument in 2024. The date is 27 July 2024 from 0800-1300. Derek had raffle tickets to sell.
- Announcements
  - Next MARC meeting is 20 March 2024 @ 7pm @ Woodland Park Library
  - Next VE Session is 2 March 2024 @ 10am @ TCSO in Divide
- Adjourn at 20:12