



PPRAA General Meeting 12 March 2014

President Mike DeBort called the PPRAA general meeting to order at 7:00 PM at IHOP Restaurant at 5749 Stetson Hills Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO.

Silent Keys – None.

Minutes were approved as published. Correction (board meeting minutes): Jim Harris said he was named twice in the attendees listed in the Feb board mtg minutes.

2014 Goals and Objectives

1. New leadership
2. Financials - Add 20 new paying members, make \$2500 on Megafest
3. Club station - at least one station permanently online, trailer completed
4. Special Events
 - 75 years of service by our club
 - Scouting event

Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report - Pam stated we had \$9010 in our bank accounts as of 31 Jan 2014.

Asset Committee - Virgil - nothing new to report.

Club Station update - Dan will set up a workday via email. You can get on the station work email list by sending a request to trailer@ppraa.org.

Electronic Media – Doug - nothing new to report.

Technical Education - Mike WV7T is still tutoring for Tech class licenses.

Zero Beat – Deadline for article submissions is March 22. He is always in need of articles, short or longer ones.

ARES Update - Jim Bishop reported on local ARES events and upcoming activities that need volunteers. ARES website is www.pparaes.org. Skywarn training sessions will be held on April 5, 7, and 28.

Scholarship Fund

Please donate to our fund for the 2014 school year. \$377.69 has been donated so far this year. Donations can be made via PayPal on the PPRAA website (ppraa.org).

NOTE: Jim Bishop will match your donation up to \$300 until July 4.

El Paso County Radio Club Consolidated Membership

Still formulating a proposal for this item.

Megafest 2014

Saturday, July 26th at Lewis Palmer High School, Monument, CO. Please consider joining the planning committee. Raffle tickets may be purchased now. If you will be attending other club meetings or activities, please pick up and hand out some flyers to attendees.

Field Day

Will be having it at our club station in Ellicott, unless a better alternative turns up. Date is June 28-29.

Volunteer Examiner (VE) Report

VE session is on the even months, on the 1st Saturday. Members are encouraged to get qualified to be a Volunteer Examiner. It's an open book exam, with the Volunteer Examiner Manual available as a PDF for study and reference on the arrl.org website.

Program

Neil Larson K0MAX gave a presentation on radio direction finding/hidden transmitter hunting, and its history & uses in warfare. He spoke about antennas, attenuators, and foxes (transmitters).

Upcoming Events / Notices

Ham Breakfast - Daniel's Taco Shop, Sat, April 5, 8-9:30AM.

Thursday Night Net: On the air every Thursday, 7PM, at 28.390 MHz (USB, 10 meter band, vertically polarized). This will be the #274th net.

Next Meeting: 7:00PM, 9 April 2014, IHOP Restaurant, Stetson Hills Blvd. & Powers.

Next Board Meeting: 7:00PM, 7 April 2014, Daniel's Taco Shop.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Wishart NG0I
Secretary
22 March 2014