



PPRAA General Meeting 9 April 2014

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

Silent Keys – Matt's father in Tribune, KS, K0MPS?. Also WD0WD4? (Sorry, but did not get correct call signs or names for either one.)

Minutes were approved as published.

ARRL Rocky Mountain Convention in WY

This event has been cancelled. It has been replaced by the Albuquerque, NM event on Aug 8-10.

CO State House bill 14-1216

John Bloodgood commented on this. The bill places restrictions on towers in unincorporated rural areas 50-200ft. Requires marking on towers. Trying to make sure that AR interests are represented in the bill. PRB-1 language is not going to be included. It still needs clarification of language/terminology in some places.

CCARC

Next meeting is April 19.

W1AW/0 Participation

Requesting people to sign up to be able to participate in this event. Send email to Dan Scott at W1AW@ppraa.org to sign up.

2014 Goals and Objectives - no changes

1. New leadership
2. Financials - Add 20 new paying members, make \$2500 on Megafest
3. Club station - at least one operating position permanently online, trailer completed
4. Special Events
 - 75 years of service by our club - July 12-13 at our club station
 - Scouting event - date is TBD

Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report - Pam stated we had \$9062.62 in our bank accounts as of 31 March 2014.

Asset Committee - Virgil - updated asset list has been sent out to the board & membership.

Club Station update - Dan has set up a workday 10:00AM Saturday May 3. You can get on the station work email list by sending a request to trailer@ppraa.org. Action item list is available.

Electronic Media – Doug - received several new Facebook "Likes."

Technical Education - Mike WV7T is still tutoring for Tech class licenses. We are in the process of setting up a General license class. Dan has purchased five copies of the new Stu Turner W0STU General class license book that are available for use by instructors. We are seeking instructors for the various sections of the course.

Zero Beat – Deadline for article submissions is April 15. He is always in need of articles, short or long ones.

ARES Update - Jim Bishop reported on local ARES events and upcoming activities that need volunteers. ARES website is www.pparaes.org. The correct & working volunteer link is <http://216.161.57.107/ARESPSE>. John Bloodgood also commented on the availability of free ARES info from ARRL. Skywarn training is April 28 at the Grace Church in Falcon, 6:30PM.

Scholarship Fund

Please donate to our fund for the 2014 school year. \$427.69 has been donated so far this year. Donations can be made via PayPal on the PPRAA website (ppraa.org).

Member Challenge: Jim Bishop will match your Scholarship Fund donation up to \$300 until July 4.

El Paso County Radio Club Consolidated Membership

No new progress at this time.

Megafest 2014

Saturday, July 26th at Lewis Palmer High School, Monument, CO. Please consider joining the planning committee. Raffle tickets may be sold/purchased now. If you will be attending other club meetings or activities, please pick up and hand out some flyers & sell some raffle tickets to attendees. Will have two operating stations at the event. Early bird table prices end on April 20.

Field Day

It will be at our club station in Ellicott on June 28-29.

Volunteer Examiner (VE) Report

VE session is on the even months, this Saturday, April 12, at 9AM at Colorado Technical University. Our club 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

Gordon Dixon and Dan Scott gave a presentation on participation in the annual amateur radio Scouting event, Jamboree On The Air (JOTA), which is held on the 3rd weekend in October.

Upcoming Events / Notices

Ham Breakfast - Rudy's Little Hideaway, 925 S. 8th St. on Saturday, May 3, 8AM (prior to the station work party).

Thursday Night Net: On the air every Thursday, 7PM, at 28.390 MHz (USB, 10 meter band, vertically polarized).

Next Meeting: 7:00PM, 14 May 2014, IHOP Restaurant, Stetson Hills Blvd. & Powers.

Next Board Meeting: 7:00PM, 12 May 2014, Daniel's Taco Shop.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Wishart NG01
Secretary
13 April 2014