



## PPRAA General Meeting Minutes 13 August 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** – Linda Hill K0LLH and Jim Patterson N0UVU

July minutes were approved as published.

### **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**

2014 Megafest - spent less on prizes, sold more raffle tickets resulting in more net income (~\$2700)

Motion made & seconded to allow up to \$2500 for 2015 Megafest raffle prizes. Passed. Pam would like suggestions on what to get for raffle prizes.

Treasurer's Report - Pam stated we had \$15,924 in our bank accounts as of 31 July 2014.

Field Day - we had a successful event, but were unable to submit logs due to technical difficulties. Chris Schoeder will be the chairperson again next year.

Club Station - we have received several significant donations - antennas, towers, etc. We are forming committees to evaluate these assets and plan for installation. Antenna committee, electrical committee, and a building committee have been formed.

Doug Nielsen reported on preparations for our annual club picnic this coming Sat at Memorial Park.

Moved/seconded to form an overall planning committee with Scott as chairman. Passed.

Electronic Media - Doug reported on recent updates to our websites and social media sites.

Tech Ed - Dan Scott reported that we are setting up a General exam class. He needs more instructors for the class.

Zero Beat - Dan needs more articles for the publication. Email to [zerobeat@ppraa.org](mailto:zerobeat@ppraa.org) Deadline for this month is Aug 23.

VE Report - Dan Martin reported that the October license exam session is coming up.

**ARES Update** - Jim Bishop reported on local ARES events and upcoming activities that need volunteers. ARES website is [www.ppare.org](http://www.ppare.org). The volunteer link is <http://216.161.57.107/ARESPSE>. You need to be an ARES member to participate.

John Bloodgood noted that HB4969 PRB-1 legislation has been introduced in the US House of Representatives.

### **Scholarship Fund**

Please donate to our college scholarship fund for the upcoming school year. Tax-deductible donations can be made via PayPal on the PPRAA website ([www.ppraa.org](http://www.ppraa.org)).

PPRAA Annual Picnic - August 16, 10AM-2pm, lunch at noon, bring side dish, salad or dessert. Memorial Park, Pavilion B.

CO QSO Party - Saturday, August 30. This is a BIG special event and sponsored by our club. Please get on the air for this one!

### **Volunteer Examiner (VE) Report**

VE session is on the second Saturday of even months. Next one is 2nd Saturday, October 11, at 9AM at Colorado Technical University, Room 100. 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](http://arrl.org) website.

### **Elections**

Coming up in October. If you are interested in an officer or board position, please let a board member or officer know.

### **Program**

[QRZ.com](http://QRZ.com) founder, Fred Lloyd AA7BQ, spoke about the background of the QRZ.com website.

### **Upcoming Events / Notices**

Ham Breakfast - Saturday, Sept 6. La Tatine on Kelly Johnson Blvd., 8-10AM

Thursday Night Net: On the air every Thursday, 7PM, at 28.390 MHz (USB, 10 meter band, vertically polarized). The next net is #298.

Christmas Party

Will vote on location next meeting.

The club election is coming up in October. If you are interested in becoming a club officer or board member, please contact a member of the board or officer.

Next Meeting: 7PM, Wednesday, September 10 2014, IHOP Restaurant, Stetson Hills Blvd. & Powers. (2nd Wed of the month)

Next Board Meeting: 6:30PM, Monday, 8 September 2014, Daniel's Taco Shop. (Monday before the 2nd Wed of the month)

Respectfully Submitted,  
John Wishart NG0I  
Secretary  
23 August 2014