

2015-08-12 PPRAA Minutes by Jim Madsen / K3ILC

Call to order (2 minutes early):

6:58 PM.

Approval of July meeting minutes

Passed

Next board meeting:

Daniel's Taco Shop on the Tuesday prior to the next membership meeting

Club station tower discussion

- o One tower \$4,404.96 if we bought everything new. Our cost remaining to put up a single Rohn 25G tower is \$1,478.75. Putting up both towers, and the final total is \$2,118.70. This nearly the non-designated funds available.
- o Michael, KC0RLG, will head a committee to raise funds. Dan Huber and Jim Rader volunteered for this committee.
- o Phebe, K1PCS, made an initial donation to the tower fund and challenged us to donate. Many people accepted her challenge and donated.
- o The station has space, and wire antennas, for 4 stations with 3 in the trailer and 1 in the fire station's communication bay

Presentation - Certificate of appreciation

Raleigh, N4HYF, on behalf of PPRAA, presented Ed Corn, KCØTBE, of the Ellicott volunteer fire department a certificate of appreciation for his support both in terms of getting the fire department approvals, and station setup, wiring, etc.

Club Event

Barbecue is this Sunday (with tailgating) is this next Sunday.

Lighthouse Prim

El Paso County commissioner, Peggy Littleton spoke about the Lighthouse Prime initiative. In September there will be a hypothetical no power event (exercise) and Lighthouse Prime is looking for households to participate. This created a discussion; many people provided input.

QST first Field Day article

Jim, KDØKQL brought the ARRL QST first Field Day article to our attention. The QST reprint of the 1933 article included the Pikes Peak Amateur Radio Association (the predecessor name to PPRAA). The article included how we operated on Pikes Peak. This places PPRAA at more than 82 year old.

2016 ARRL Rocky Mountain Region

Doug, N7LEM - ARRL Rocky Mountain Region convention will be May 13-16 2016 in Keystone

ARES

John, KDØSFY (AREA EC)

- o Bicycle Hill Climb was Sunday
- o Tour de Cure - 26th August - Need volunteers
- o Red Cross Exercise - 21 August
- o Exercise new digital capabilities in EOC - September
- o Inactive ARES members on the roster may be removed. Get active on some AREA activities

Elections

Elections will be in 2 months (October)

Tower Fund by end of meeting: Raised \$532

Presentations

- 1: John, KD0SFY, presented information about ARES
- 2: Kevin, KØBBA, presented modification of aluminum and fiberglass poles for quick setup antenna masts.

Meeting adjourned at 9:49