



PPRAA General Meeting Minutes 11 June 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 – John Ously KD0QDO

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

Treasurer's Report - Pam stated we had \$11008. in our bank accounts as of 31 May 2014.

ARES Update - Jim Bishop reported on local ARES events and upcoming activities that need volunteers. ARES website is www.pparaes.org. The volunteer link is <http://216.161.57.107/ARESPSE>.

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 (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 activity right now.

Megafest 2014

Saturday, July 26th at Lewis Palmer High School, Monument, CO. Raffle & table sales are ahead of last year.

Club Station

Work was done last weekend. All openings patched. Gates, fence posts, sheet metal procured.

Tech Ed

Need volunteers to teach sections of the tech class license exam course.

Zero Beat

Deadline is June 25.

ARES Report

John Bloodgood reviewed the upcoming events for which volunteers are needed. Last Sunday was a very active weather day, with eight tornados reported in CO. Weather/Skywarn reports are usually given/heard on the 146.97 MHz repeater.

Scholarship Fund

Applications are currently being reviewed by the fund administrator. Recipient will be announced next month.

Megafest

Setup starts at 4PM at LPHS on Friday. Table prices go up on July 21

Field Day

It will be at our club station south of Ellicott on Bar Ten Way on June 28-29. Setup starts at 4PM on Friday, June 27. Operating period is from noon Saturday through noon Sunday. Camping is available at the site.

Volunteer Examiner (VE) Report

VE session is on the second Saturday of even months. Next one is Saturday, June 14, 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 arrrl.org website.

Special Guest

Fred Lloyd AA7BQ - Founder of QRZ.com website. He spoke about the background of the site and passed out some QRZ bumper stickers.

Program

Amateur radio astronomy - Ray Uberecken AA0L and Michael Lowe T12ORB spoke about a variety of radio astronomy topics, including the DSES 60' dish at Eads, CO. Deep Space Exploration Society.

Some Radio Astronomy Websites

www.vlf.it

fatquarterssoftware.com

spaceweather.com

radiosky.com

radionlove.asfc.nasa.gov

theinspireproject.com

rmob.orgmerriott-astro.co.uk

radioastronomysupplies.com

radio-astronomy.org

setileague.org

www.jpl.nasa.gov/radioastronomy

dses.org - 60' dish antenna in Eads, CO

Upcoming Events / Notices

Ham Breakfast - Saturday, July 5. Sandy's at Space Village, 9AM

Thursday Night Net: On the air every Thursday, 7PM, at 28.390 MHz (USB, 10 meter band, vertically polarized). The June 12 net is #290.

Next Meeting: 7:00PM, Wednesday, 9 July 2014, IHOP Restaurant, Stetson Hills Blvd. & Powers. (2nd Wed of the month)

Next Board Meeting: 7:00PM, Monday, 7 July 2014, Daniel's Taco Shop. (Mon before the 2nd Wed of the month)

Club Picnic - Aug 16, Memorial Park, Pavilion B.

2014 RM Regional ARRL Convention Aug 8-10 in Albuquerque.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Wishart NG0I

Secretary

28 June 2014