



## PPRAA General Meeting Minutes 9 July 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** – none.

June 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 \$11091 in our bank accounts as of 30 June 2014.

Asset Committee - Virgil obtained an initial quote of \$3350 for a 8' x 20' storage container, but expects to get a lower one from the vendor's Denver office.

Building Committee - will be working on installing the gates, stabilizing the trailer, and area cleanup at the Special Event Station activity this coming weekend. Pam and Dan purchased some tables and chairs for the station.

### **Field Day**

Thanks to Chris and his family for organizing the activity. It was very successful and well-attended. We received over 2600 points during the operation. It was done entirely on generator and solar power.

Electronic Media - Doug reported we've received a bunch of "Likes" on our Facebook page.

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.

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

John Bloodgood also reported on the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb and Summer Roundup events.

### **Scholarship Fund**

Elliott Gordon is this year's recipient. 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)).

### **Megafest 2014**

Saturday, July 26th at Lewis Palmer High School, Monument, CO. Raffle & table sales are running ahead of last year. Setup at 4PM on Friday, July 25. Extension cords and power strips are needed.

### **Special Event Station**

This Saturday at the club station. 8AM-8PM. Setup is this Fri at 6PM. Operations will commence at 14.245 MHz on SSB and possibly CW. We will have at least two radios available. Please come out and operate if you can. Jim Harris W0EM is the organizer. This event is to celebrate our 75th anniversary as a radio club. We will also be working on the gates and the trailer.

### **Zero Beat**

Article deadline is July 25.

### **ARES Report**

John Bloodgood reviewed the upcoming events for which volunteers are needed.

### **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](http://arrrl.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**

Emergency Preparation by "Prepper" Kevin Polk K0BBA (aka "Bubba").

### **Upcoming Events / Notices**

Ham Breakfast - Saturday, August 2. Sandy's at Omelets, Etc. on 8th St., 8-10AM

Thursday Night Net: On the air every Thursday, 7PM, at 28.390 MHz (USB, 10 meter band, vertically polarized). The July 10 net is #294.

Next Meeting: 7PM, Wednesday, August 13 2014, IHOP Restaurant, Stetson Hills Blvd. & Powers. (2nd Wed of the month)

Next Board Meeting: 6:30PM, Monday, 11 August 2014, Daniel's Taco Shop. (Mon before the 2nd Wed of the month)

Club Picnic - Aug 16, Memorial Park, Pavilion B. Operate in AM and eat at noon

Rocky Mountain Regional ARRL Convention Aug 8-10 in Albuquerque.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John Wishart NG0I  
Secretary  
28 July 2014