

Colorado Council of Amateur Radio Clubs  
Fall 2007 Meeting  
Pueblo Public Library  
October 20, 2007

Amended 4/26/2008

**The meeting was called to order** at 1:06 PM by Tim, WBØTUB, CCARC Chair. Introductions were made and an attendance list is incorporated into these minutes.

The minutes of the Spring 2007 meeting were read. It was **Moved and Seconded** that the minutes be approved as read. The motion was agreed to.

Treasurer Wayne, NØPOH gave the treasurer's report; it is incorporated into these minutes by reference. It was **Moved and Seconded** to approve the report. The motion was agreed to.

Frequency Coordinator Doug, K2AD gave his report:

The Frequency Administrator's report stated that a first pass at recovering unused frequency pairs has been made. Certified mail was sent between July 25<sup>th</sup> and August 6<sup>th</sup> 2007 to eleven (11) trustees not heard from in many years. All eleven letters were received and signed for by someone at the recipient's address. Six (6) trustees responded. Of these, four advised that their repeaters were on the air and provided explanation as to why the machine may not have been heard during monitoring. One trustee requested and was granted an extension under CCARC rules to return his repeater to operation; one trustee indicated he no longer needs the frequency pair and it is returned to the pool. Doug indicated that the next step under CCARC rules is to proceed with de-coordination for the five (5) trustees that have not responded. Doug also stated that there is one (1) additional letter that needs to be sent.

It was **Moved an Seconded** that the CCARC delegates support the Frequency Coordinator's actions with respect to the recovery of unused pairs and to continue the efforts consistent with CCARC policy. The motion was agreed to.

The NFCC has sent a letter to the FCC requesting they (the FCC) clarify their position and state that D-STAR machines are repeaters. Coordinators in California have a different perspective and there has been a debate within the NFCC.

Doug announced that he has been reelected to the NFCC board of directors.

A discussion between the Frequency Coordinator and delegate Terry, NØPQV about a pending application to move a repeater ensued. No motions were offered.

Doug presented proposed new Frequency Use Plans for Colorado for 440 and 1200 MHz to accommodate new digital modes such as D-STAR and APCO P.25. A discussion ensued on the need to balance existing spectrum with the need to encourage new technology. It was **Moved and Seconded** that the CCARC remain technology agnostic with respect to allocation of frequencies for new technologies. The Motion was agreed to.

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Doug held the remainder of his proposal until after the scheduled presentation on Digital technology by the Spectrum Use and New Technology Committee.

The Section Manager gave his report:

FCC cites Tower Products, Inc for marketing unauthorized RF device capable of operating on 70 cm Amateur Radio frequencies. The product in question is the "Laird Telemedia model LTM-WAVE-AG Wireless Monitoring System"

ARRL Submitted a Plan to the Dept. of Defense to Mitigate Repeater Interference to Military "PAVE PAWS" Radars

ARRL Filed a Federal Appeals Court Brief in Petition for Review of BPL Rules. (Note: Hearing was held on Tuesday, October 23.)

Sen Mark Pryor of Arkansas filed a bill Jun 14<sup>th</sup> in the US Senate calling on the Federal Communications Commission to conduct a study on the interference caused by broadband Internet transmission over power lines, otherwise known as BPL. Sen Pryor is a member of the Senate's Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

The SM also indicated that although he has recently been re-elected for another two-year term as the Colorado Section Manager, he is also a candidate for the Rocky Mountain Division Director position and if successful he would be required to step down as SM on Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008, meaning that today would be his last report to the CCARC as Section Manager.

Unfinished Business:

No motions were offered

New Business:

Chairman Tim, WBØTUB reiterated the terms of office (2 years) and that the Chairman, Secretary and Frequency Coordinator terms will be up for election at the Spring, 2008 meeting. In accordance with CCARC bylaws, **a nominating committee is formed** to solicit nominees and present a slate of candidates to the CCARC at the Spring meeting. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted at that time. **Wayne, NØPOH is appointed to Chair** the nominating committee.

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The next meeting of the CCARC will take place at the Silverthorne Public Library sponsored by Rocky Mountain Ham Radio. The date will be either the 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> of April. The Pueblo Ham Club generously offered to hold the fall, 2008 meeting; date to be determined.

A discussion about possible changes to the CCARC Constitution and Bylaws ensued. No motions were offered.

The delegates were on break from 2:35 PM until 2:55 PM at which time the meeting reconvened.

A presentation by Bob Witte, Chair of the Spectrum Use and New Technology Committee was given. Bob outlined the current state of digital repeaters (D-STAR, APCO P.25) throughout the US and the issues that coordinating bodies are dealing with. The presentation is included in these minutes by reference.

It was **Moved and Seconded** to adopt the 70cm band plan as distributed to the delegates and amended during this meeting (a copy of which is included in these minutes by reference). The Motion was agreed to.

It was **Moved and Seconded** to adopt the 23cm band plan as distributed to the delegates identified as Revision A dated 10/20/2007 and included in these minutes by reference. The motion was agreed to.

It was **Moved and Seconded** to adopt the report of the Spectrum Use and New Technology Committee with the thanks of the delegates and that the Spectrum Use and New Technology Committee should henceforth be a standing committee of the CCARC. Bob Witte will continue as Chair. The Motion was agreed to.

There being no further business, the **meeting was adjourned** at 4:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Ryan, KØRM  
Secretary

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 Page 4 (Attendees):

Delegates: (14)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Call</u>	<u>Representing</u>	
Tim Armagost	WBØTUB	CCARC	CCARC Chair
John Maxwell	NØWBW	Rocky Mtn Ham Radio	CCARC Vice Chair
Jeff Ryan	KØRM	Pikes Peak FMA	CCARC Secretary
Wayne Heinen	NØPOH	GMCC	CCARC Treasurer
Doug Sharp	K2AD	Mt Top Assoc.	Frequency Coordn.
Eileen Armagost	WDØDGL	DRL	
Ted Lungwitz	KCØTED	Pueblo Ham Club	
Dennis Glowienka	WBØWDF	Royal Gorge ARC	
Ken Niles	KCØPBQ	Big Sandy ARC	
George Packer	WBØCDI	Boulder ARC	
Bob Witte	KØNR	Colorado VHF Group	
Dan Scott	KBØPPM	Pikes Peak RAA	
Rob Roller	N7LV	Cheyenne Mtn Rptr Group	
Terrence Hill	NØPQV	Denver Radio Aficionados	

Visitors: (6)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Call</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Dwight Maxey	NØOUH	Pueblo Ham Club
Leora McGee	KCØDUX	Pueblo Ham Club
Deb Balsick	NDØQ	Pueblo Ham Club
Larry J Piekenbrock	KCØMDQ	Royal Gorge ARC
Albert E. Straub	WBØCJH	Boulder ARC
Doug Nielsen	N7LEM	Pikes Peak RAA