

Called to order 13:12

Secretary's Report - Postponed temporarily for Secretary to go get his notes

Treasurer's Report - Wayne gave an update on the financial status of CCARC and talked about CCARC Map sales.

Committee Reports - Executive Committee meeting - discussed coordination issues and Legislative Committee status.

Status of Legislative Committee: Mark Baker, Head of Committee resigned as both CCARC committee chairman and Colorado Legislative Liason. Ron W0OSK is current Legislative Committee Chair.

Frequency Coordinator's Report - Doug discussed annual updates, online database, thanks to Kent Roberts N0PSR for building/designing the database, Doug creating CCARC Frequency Use Plans. No changes to other bands, 440 MHz and 903 MHz will have changes (they are out of date) and Doug will propose those changes at the next meeting.

Secretary's Report - Minutes from Fall 2003 meeting read. K0RM moved to accept minutes. KC0DGG seconded. Vote taken, approved.

Legislative Committee Report - Ron W0OSK

Working on Bill for Colorado State Legislature. Draft of the Bill presented to members present.

It was decided that more work needs to be done before the Bill should be introduced to the Legislature. Organization, grass-roots support, and a new champion for the issue to take it to the Legislature.

ARRL Section Report - Jeff K0RM

N0CAM Chuck SK - Repeater pioneer in Colorado Springs area.

FCC Released an Omnibus NPRM WT Docket 04-140 - Comments due by June 15th, reply comments due by June 30th

Jefferson County recently drafted new tower legislation and requested input from Amateurs. Mark Baker and Jeff Ryan worked with them during this process.

Bob Witte K0NR - New ARRL Section Technical Coordinator

There were some other ARRL position changes.

ARRL Technical Coordinator - Bob Witte K0NR

Presented information on the "stealth" Technical Specialist program the ARRL offers.

<http://www.k0nr.com/ts.html> (under construction) or you can contact him at k0nr@arrl.net

New Business:

Doug Sharp, K2AD - Frequency Coordination Issues

Frequency Coordination Policy -- Gives coordinator virtually all of the criteria decisions.

Doug is "shoe-horning" coordinations into crowded bands.

Doug always gets approvals from co-channel/adjacent-channel users when working on repeater coordinations that are too tight. This takes huge amounts of additional time and effort to get machines coordinated.

In the Metro area, "paper" repeaters are becoming a problem.

Doug would like the CCARC's approval to start enforcing the existing policy that repeaters that are not on the air will be decoordinated.

Question was raised: "How do we really know a repeater is off the air?"

Periodic monitoring by a group of volunteers working with/for Doug is proposed.

Kerry D. N0URK Motion to continue to enforce CCARC Frequency Coordination Policy and By-Laws, and also to keep a log of all attempts to access repeaters.

Doug's comment: He feels it's important to document a "reasonable process over time" including registered mail, and a strict adherence to policy, including the ability to appeal the decision as outlined in the policy.

Seconded Scott Burkhardt W0KU

K0RM - Jeff Amended : to state that the Frequency Coordinator has the full confidence of the CCARC Delegates.

(The wording of the motion was changed a few times, regarding whether or not this motion affected CCARC or By-Laws.)

N0AJB Called the Question: Vote Unanimous.

Doug's comments on FCC proposals:

900 MHz - FCC is documenting the long-standing letter of authorization Amateurs in Colorado and Wyoming have been working under for many years and putting that waiver in Part 97.

Auxiliary Station operation to be allowed in 2m band. Could affect coordination activity (high-mountain VHF links could

cause interference).

Heavy discussion regarding whether or not CCARC should put in any official comments regarding this item.

Motion to submit comments to FCC Tim WB0TUB, Seconded Kerry D. Coordination Committee will draft a comment to the FCC generally opposing 2m linking, with coordinated exceptions. Draft will be submitted to Executive Committee for final approval and submission to the FCC. Voted, none opposed.

Legislative Committee New Business/Discussion:

General Summary of original plan: There have been a number of iterations of the draft Bill proposal. Less than one acre of land, 75' by-right tower height with all support structure on your property. Greater than one acre, no restrictions other than FAA/Airport limitations. Other versions have been worked on, in the two years the committee has been in existence.

Question before the group: Do we want to continue to pursue this?

Committee needs a cheerleader/champion to lead this charge.

Ron is willing to continue work, but does not want to be the point person.

Bud discussed the possibility that there may be a donor (Marshal Quiat) who could donate funds to CCARC for use in helping with the Legislative Committee work.

Some discussion about how to get grass-roots support.

Ron re-iterated that he needs a person to spearhead the issue.

w0osk@arrl.net - <http://www.cohampac.org>

BPL Update - Bud Saum K0GS:

Jim Pierson N1SZ is continuing to study BPL issues and preparing responses to FCC NPRM - Bud read Jim's letter to the delegates.

Bud talked to Mountain View Electric Co-Op. They have decided against BPL. Bud recommends anyone serviced by a Co-Op write letters and contact them regarding BPL and voice your concern.

Doug reports that United Power is "investigating" and generally positive toward BPL at this time.

Bob Witte - Nominating Committee Report

Recommended Nominations: Tim WB0TUB, Chairman; Judy KC0HVD - Secretary;

Nominations from the floor for open positions: None.

Bud moved to close nominations for Chairman - Seconded Wayne N0POH, Voted - Unanimous, unopposed.

John KC0DGG moved to close nominations for Secretary - Seconded Doug K2AD - Unanimous, unopposed.

Orlen moved to close nominations for Secretary - Seconded John KC0DGG - Unanimous, unopposed.

Park County Amateur Radio Club - St. Mary's of the Rockies Church October 16th, 2004

(Will need to be confirmed by the church Secretary.)

CCARC is looking for a volunteer to work on the web pages. We're also going to turn off some e-mail addresses due to spam. Please see the web page for contact information.

Motion to close meeting by Bud K0GS, Seconded by Mo WB0RTF. Meeting adjourned at 15:43.