

Minutes of CCARC fall meeting October 16, 2004

The fall meeting of the CCARC met in Bailey, Colorado at the Saint Mary's of the Rockies Church. The meeting was called to order by Tim Armagost (WB0TUB), Chairman of the CCARC at 13:05.

Introductions were made by those present at the meeting.
They were:

- Tim Armagost WB0TUB CCARC Chairman
- John Crouch KC0DGGCRA
- Wayne Heinen N0POH CCARC Treasurer
- Judy Hilton KC0HVD CCARC Secretary
- Vincent Lawrence N0UA DRL
- Ted Lungwitz KC0TED PUEBLO HAM CLUB
- Dwight Maxey N0OUH PUEBLO HAM CLUB
- John Maxwell N0WBW CCARC Vice Chairman
- Dutch Muetz K0AWS Park County Radio Club
- George Packer WB0CDI Boulder Amateur Radio Club
- Bill Pierce KD0JUBig Sandy Radio Group
- Moe Pierce WB0RTF PPRAA
- Paul Shackleford WB0OMR Colorado Connection
- Doug Sharp K2AD CCARC F. C.
- Albert Straub WB0CJH Boulder Amateur Radio Club
- Bob Witte K0NR Colorado VHF Group

READING OF THE MINUTES OF SPRING 2002 MEETING

Reading of the minutes (Secretary's Report) was read by Tim Armagost, CCARC Chairman.

Motion to accept the minutes was made by John Maxwell, second was made by Bill Pierce
Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was given by Wayne Heinen(N0POH).

Beginning Balance.....	\$5601.52
INCOME.....	574.00
Expenses.....	81.05
ENDING BALANCE.....	\$6094.47

A motion was made by Doug Sharp to accept the Treasurer's Report. Moe Pierce (S). Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Antenna Legislation

There was no Antenna Legislation Report due to the absence of Ron Klein, W0OSK

However, if you have stories involving ham radio and antennasthat helped in an emergency, please send your stories to Tim Armagost,Vince Lawrenceand or Randy Long.

Frequency Coordinator's Report

Coordination Report

Coordinated Repeaters.....225
Overdue Coordinated Repeaters.....118
In Construction.....33
Deleted or Dismissed.....50

Current Committee Activities

Process normal flows of applications
Recover unused "paper repeater" frequency pairs and return them to the database.
Update the database per the annual updates.
Examining 900 MHz activity to determine non-amateur usage and possible petition to the FCC to remove Colorado restrictions. Work ongoing.

Issues

Lost contact with the Wyoming Frequency Coordinator. He has not answered e-mail or phone calls for many months. Utah is having the same problem with Wyoming. This has held up one frequency pair request near the Steamboat Springs area. I am going to contact the ARRL Wyoming Section Manager in an attempt to regain contact.

We are out of VHF (144 MHz) pairs in the Denver Metro/Front Range area. We are very close to being out of UHF (440 MHz) pairs in the Denver Metro/Front Range area. I am starting to invest more time in recovering pairs than the "weekly grind" of processing new requests.

CCARC Database Updates

It is time to update the CCARC database. I will soon be mailing the annual update letters. (Policy says this must happen a minimum of every two years, but can occur more frequently at the discretion of the Frequency Coordinator.) This is an important process in order to recover inactive frequency pairs.

The datasheets must be returned by December 1, 2004 in order for me to process information and include the repeater in the upcoming ARRL Repeater Directory submission. The information that must be returned for each repeater varies based upon the past contact with the CCARC.

In summary, those repeaters returning a complete Activity Sheet and RSE in 2003 will have it very easy! CCARC Form 07 is very short and can be filed by either US Mail or on-line as decided by the trustee.

Any repeater not submitting an update sheet in 2003 or 2004, and not having an updated RSE (form 03) on-line, will be placed on a list for possible de-coordination since those repeaters are not likely on-air. This is the only way we can recover unused frequency pairs and make them available to those actually intending to use them. I will be asking the CCARC Delegates to endorse this plan at the October meeting.

ARRL Repeater Directory update

The deadline for our submission to the 2004-2005 ARRL Repeater Directory (RD) has been changed to early January. Last year the deadline was early February. In order to meet the ARRL deadline I will set a target date to submit out data no later than 12/31/2004. (This gives me one week for errors and corrections.)

It has been CCARC policy to submit accurate information for repeater listings **will** be submitted to the ARRL:

* Repeaters that are listed as "Coordinated" in our database. This includes repeaters that:

Returned their 2003 activity sheets
Returned their 2004 activity sheets (soon to be mailed).

Note: Repeaters that did not return either the 2003 or 2004 activity sheets **will not** be listed in the **ARRL RD or CCARC Maps**. These repeaters will not automatically be de-coordinated, but will be placed on a list for possible de-coordination as defined above.

Periodic Monitoring Activities

In order to reclaim inactive repeater frequency pairs, the Frequency Coordinator (FC) has begun monitoring all if repeater pairs in the Denver Metro area. This will not be a "witch hunt," but instead a fair and uniform sample of all repeaters within geographic regions.

Geographic regions with the fewest available repeater frequency pairs will be monitored before those with available frequency pairs,

As my efforts are nor sufficient to monitor the entire state, I plan to extend this effort and involve a few volunteer monitors distributed around the state. These volunteers will be carefully screened since they will have access to "confidential coordination information", as well as be made members of the Frequency Coordination Committee.

Submitted 16 October 2004,
Douglas Sharp, K2AD
CCARC Frequency Coordinator

Colorado Section Report

There was not a Colorado Section report due to the absence of Jeff Ryan, Colorado Section Manager.

Old Business

Letter regarding 900MHz-See Frequency Coordinator's Report
BPL update- See ARRL Letter Volume 23 Issue 41

New Business

The CCARC has a new Webmistress. Her name is Debra Fox, W0DSF.

The Spring CCARC meetin will be in Pueblo. The Pueblo Ham Club will host the meeting on Saturday, April 24, 2005. We will be nominating the Vice Chairman and the Treasurer. Bob Wtiie in on the Nominating Committee.

A question was asked-Should the CCARC join the National Antenna Consortium? The cost is \$100. The motion was made by Dwight, John seconded it. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Doug to asjourn the meeting, Moe seconded the motion. The motion was uniimous. The meeting was adjourned at 15:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hilton
CCARC Secretary