

Colorado Council of Amateur Radio Clubs

Spring 2014 Meeting

April 19, 2014

Windsor, CO

Sponsored by the Northern Colorado Amateur Radio Club

CCARC delegates met in Windsor for Spring, 2014. The meeting was sponsored by the Northern Colorado Amateur Radio Club.

President, Doug Sharp, called the meeting to order at 1pm.

Fall, 2013, Minutes - John Maxwell W0VG (acting secretary,) approved unanimously by delegates.

Treasurer's Report - Wayne Heinen N0POH

Total Income of \$704.20

Total Expenses of \$527.21

Ending Balance of \$8,068.09

Existing allocations for software \$2500. Allocation for Frequency Coordination fund for new technology \$453.60. Available Balance \$5,114.69

Frequency Coordinator's Report - Doug Sharp K2AD

Doug reported that the frequency coordination committee consists of the following:

Paul Deeth WA2YZT Frequency Coordinator and chair of committee

Ben Baker KB0UBZ

Scott Burkhardt W0KU

Nate Duehr WY0X

Mike Gurski K0GUR

Dave Johnson KD8BQN

John Maxwell W0VG

Dave Novotny WA6IFI

Jeff Ryan K0RM

Doug Sharp K2AD

Coordination activity for several repeaters was reported:

147.390 Breckenridge - This was a change of the Colorado Connection repeater there, which had been troubled by interference on the old frequency of 146.790.

147.390 Timnath - KT0L, a TRBO system

448.875 Elizabeth - W0CCY

448.775 Cherry Creek - W0CCY

447.850 Evergreen - AC0KQ

446.800 Parker - DStar

449.575 Colorado Springs - move from N0MUD (SK) to W0RSH

145.325 Cotopaxi - K1DDN

147.195 Cedaredge - KOSX

Requests pending:

NC0JW for UHF repeater in Colorado Springs to be linked to the Cactus Intertie

K0GUR for UHF repeater in Denver linked to Allstar

KG5GL for UHF repeater in Trinidad

Extended construction period for W0DTF in Simla

ARRL Section Manager's Report - Jack Ciaccia WMOG

3437 ARRL members in Colorado

Approx 7100 ARRL members in Rocky Mountain Division

Approx 164000 ARRL members nationwide

Reminder that it is that time of year to update ARRL Club Affiliation memberships. These are submitted online.

Reminder to clubs that are 501(c)(3) tax exempt to file 990E postcard with the IRS or risk losing their non-profit status.

Upcoming Dates of interest:

May 16-18 is the Dayton Hamvention.

Montrose Amateur Radio Club Hamfest - June 7

Field Day - June 28-29

The ARRL Centennial will be celebrated in Hartford, CT, July 17-19

Pikes Peak Radio Club Hamfest - July 26

The Rocky Mountain Division meeting was to be held in Wyoming this year and has been moved to Albuquerque, NM. It will be August 8-10.

Denver Radio Club Hamfest - August 17

Pueblo Amateur Radio Club Hamfest - September 13

Boulder Amateur Radio Club BARCFest - Sept 28

Information regarding Colorado House Bill 13-1216

This bill is in regards to renewable energy. It has wording regarding tower structures. The bill is aimed at temporary structures uses for meteorological testing to determine where wind energy farms may be located. Within the bill is wording regarding any tower 50' or higher needing to be marked with orange and white paint. Amateur community is trying to get exclusions in this bill for ham towers.

A potential threat to 5Ghz band is being monitored by the ARRL

Program about Clubs becoming Tax Exempt - Wayne Heinen NOPOH

Wayne Heinen gave a program about clubs applying for non-profit status. There was a great deal of good information in his presentation. The presentation will in a Power Point file that will be made available on the CCARC web page in the near future. Wayne pointed out that the RMHam group has a great deal of information on 501(c)(3) application and procedures on their web pages. The presentation will be put on the CCARC website as soon as possible.

Old Business - Doug Sharp K2AD

The motion to amend the By-Laws to allow the chairman and frequency coordinator to delegate and distribute the workload was brought to the group from the Fall 2013 meeting. The amendments were approved unanimously.

Short discussion regarding the continued work on finding ways to allow electronic meetings to be held, giving those with long travel distances better ability to attend meetings. This is still being studied by the Executive Committee.

Short discussion regarding allowing individual repeater trustees who are members of CCARC to be given votes. Currently these CCARC member trustees can only vote on matters regarding frequency coordination. There are currently 34 clubs who are CCARC members. There are over 400 coordination records, so it is obvious that individual trustees outnumber clubs. This is still being studied by the Executive Committee.

New Business - Doug Sharp K2AD

Election of Officers for Chairman, Secretary, and Frequency Coordinator:

Nominees:

Chairman - Doug Sharp K2AD
Secretary - Emit Hurdelbrink W0UAW and David Johnson KD8BQN
Frequency Coordinator - Jeff Carrier K0JSC

Officers selected by ballot:

Chairman - Doug Sharp K2AD
Secretary - Emit Hurdelbrink W0UAW
Frequency Coordinator - Jeff Carrier K0JSC

Proposed Changes in Frequency Coordination policies:

Doug discussed adoption of policies for narrowband repeaters to allow for better adjacent channel spacing and co-channel spacing. The policies would reduce to 100 miles from 125 miles for 1000'-2000' HAAT and reduce to 125 miles for greater than 2000' HAAT. These changes were unanimously approved. Doug will document and review with the Executive Committee these changes, which will then be posted to the CCARC web pages.

ARRL Repeater Directory issues:

Doug Sharp reported that the coordination information was submitted to the ARRL on time this year. In late November, the ARRL informed CCARC that they would no longer accept bulk format submissions to the ARRL directory. In addition, the ARRL did not pay CCARC the \$1 per record that they have always done in years past.

There were numerous communications between CCARC officers and ARRL officials regarding this issue and the end result was the ARRL stating that under no circumstances would the ARRL allow bulk format data to continue to be submitted. The typical income from these records has always been approximately \$400. The only way to update the information at present is for each record to be edited

manually on the ARRL website by the coordinator or by the repeater trustees themselves. There is no way for CCARC to update this information automatically with the ARRL and adds an onerous amount of work to an already challenging volunteer job. Other coordinators do not know how they will handle this extra workload. It was noted that the CCARC will be contacting the ARRL to inform them that the CCARC would not be donating to the ARRL legal defense fund this year due to their non-payment for our repeater directory submissions. Doug noted that the CCARC will be providing the bulk data submission to RepeaterBook.Com and that member clubs should be encouraged to utilize this resource.

2014 Colorado QSO Party

A motion was made for CCARC to again sponsor 10 plaques for the Colorado QSO Party. These plaques are \$40 each. The motion was approved unanimously.

CCARC Internet Web Hosting

A motion to compensate John Maxwell for the many years he has provided free Web Hosting of the CCARC pages was made. It was passed unanimously to compensate John \$300 for the use of his web servers. John currently provides web hosting to over 50 non-profit organizations.

Next Meeting - Doug Sharp K2AD

The next meeting will be held either October 11, 18, or 25. ARRL Rocky Mountain Division Director Brian Milesosky N5ZGT has asked to attend, so Doug requested that this meeting be held somewhere in the vicinity of DIA, to allow Brian to fly in and not have to drive far. RMHam agreed to host this meeting.

In lieu of a special presentation at the next meeting, Doug suggested that there be a round table discussion regarding what clubs are doing. Are clubs thriving or struggling? What works for your club and what doesn't work for a club.

The meeting was adjourned at 4pm.

CCARC Treasurer's Report – April 19, 2014

Beginning balance from Fall Meeting Report Dated October 12, 2013

\$7,891.10

INCOME

Date	From	For	Amount
10/12/2013	Walter Zorn (Repeater Owner)	Dues 2 years	\$10.00
10/12/2013	Cash	Maps	\$43.00
10/14/2013	Aurora Repeater Assn	Dues	\$25.00
10/14/2013	Rocky Mountain Ham Radio	Dues	\$9.40
11/1/2013	285 Techconnect Radio Club	Dues	\$14.40
1/7/2014	HRO	Maps (100)	\$200.00
1/22/2014	Northern Colo ARC	Dues	\$25.00
1/22/2014	Denver Radio Club	Dues	\$25.00
1/22/2014	Ski Country Amateur Radio Club	Dues	\$15.20
1/22/2014	Estes Valley ARC	Dues	\$5.00
2/2/2014	Denver Radio League	Dues	\$6.80
2/4/2014	Arapahoe Cty ARES	Dues	\$11.60
2/4/2014	Cheyenne Mtn Repeater Group	Dues	\$25.00
2/4/2014	Colorado Connection Rptrs Inc	Dues	\$25.00
2/4/2014	Colorado Amateur Repeater Network	Dues	\$5.00
2/4/2014	Cheyenne Mtn ARC	Dues	\$5.00
2/4/2014	Durango ARC	Dues	\$5.00
2/4/2014	Longmont ARC	Dues	\$14.80
2/4/2014	David Givan (Garden of the Gods ARC)	Dues	\$5.00
2/4/2014	Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Assc	Dues	\$25.00
2/4/2014	Pikes Peak FM Association	Dues	\$25.00
2/10/2014	Royal Gorge ARC	Dues	\$5.80
2/14/2014	Rocky Mountain Radio League	Dues	\$25.00
2/14/2014	Western Colorado Amateur Radio Club	Dues	\$10.20
3/10/2014	Big Sandy ARC	Dues	\$5.00
3/10/2014	Boulder ARC	Dues	\$25.00
3/10/2014	Mile High DX Assn	Dues	\$12.00
3/10/2014	Montrose ARC	Dues	\$10.00
3/10/2014	Mountain Amateur Radio Club	Dues	\$25.00
3/10/2014	Pueblo Ham Club	Dues	\$25.00
3/10/2014	Weld Amateur Radio Society	Dues	\$6.00
3/25/2014	Grand Mesa Contesters	Dues	\$25.00
3/25/2014	Loveland Repeater Association	Dues	\$5.00
Total Income			\$704.20

EXPENSES

Date	From	For	Amount
10/12/2013	Cheyenne Mtn Repeater Group	Meeting Expense	\$20.00
10/18/2013	ARRL Rocky Mtn Div Sch Fnd	Donation	\$400.00
3/10/2014	Postmaster	P.O. Box 24244 1 Year	\$92.00
3/18/2013	Wayne Heinen	Treasurer's Expenses	\$15.21
Total Expenses			\$527.21
Ending Balance			\$8,068.09

¹ Allocation for Software \$2500.00 Allocation for Freq Coord for New Technology \$453.60 Available Balance **\$5,114.49**

Prepared by Wayne Heinen NØPOH Treasurer

Here	OrganizationName	2014 Dues	Voting Delegate	Call
	Aurora Repeater Association	Current	Joan Heinen	KBØYRX
	Big Sandy Amateur Radio Club	Current	Sharon K Agun	KCØPBR
	Boulder Amateur Radio Club	Current	George Packer	WBØCDI
	Denver Radio Club	Current	Orlen Wolf	WWØLF
	Estes Valley Amateur Radio Club	Current	Larry Olson	W9INE
	Garden of the Gods Amateur Radio Club	Current	David L Givan	KØIRP
	Grand Mesa Contesters of Colorado	Current	Wayne Heinen	NØPOH
	Longmont Amateur Radio Club	Current	Jerry Schmidt	N0OUW
	Loveland Repeater Association	Current	Rob Strieby	WØFT
	Montrose Amateur Radio Club	Current	Richard Schultz	KDØESZ
	Northern Colorado Amateur Radio Club	Current	Tom Jungmeyer	K1TJ
	<i>Paul Deeth WA2YZT Freq Matters</i>	Current	<i>Paul Deeth</i>	<i>WA2YZT</i>
	Pikes Peak FM Association	Current	Rob Roller	N7LV
	Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association	Current	Doug Nielson	N7LEM
	Rocky Mountain Ham Radio	Current	Jeff Ryan	KØRM
	Royal Gorge Amateur Radio Club	Current	Amanda Alden	K1DDN
	Ski Country Amateur Radio Club	Current	Tony Ferris	NAØUS
	Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Radio Association	Current	Elliot Linke	KBØFRC
	<i>Walter Zorn WZØN Freq Matters</i>	Current	<i>Jeff Carrier</i>	<i>KØJSC</i>
	Weld Amateur Radio Society	Current	Willard Williams	W5WIW