

Colorado Council of Amateur Radio Clubs

Fall 2016 Meeting

October 22, 2016

Estes Park, CO

Meeting called to order by Chairman Doug Sharp (K2AD) at 1302. Doug welcomes the group and announced there were agendas available.

Introductions (attendee list – attached below)

- Officers introduced followed by folks attending the meeting
- Welcome to Estes Park/Estes Park Medical Center from hosting group.

Secretary's Report & Approval of Minutes from Spring 2016

- Spring 2016 minutes reviewed (copy posted to CCARC website)
- Motion to accept – motion passed

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer's report given (attached below)

Welcome to our new Vice Chairman Doug Nielsen (N7LEM)

- Doug (K2AD) welcomed Doug (N7LEM) to the board.
- Doug (N7LEM) expressed he is excited to work with the group.

Frequency Coordinator's Report

- Update on activities
 - 31 new coordinations
 - 22 waiting activity sheets
 - 30 coordinated but off the air.
- Remote base operation with coordinated systems
 - A repeater was cross banded to a simplex frequency causing numerous complaints. This has happened several times. On one event, members contributed a large amount of time to find the issue. There are legal issues with retransmitting the trustee's call sign on another system without their permission. The Council discourages this practice.
- Cross band operations
 - A repeater trustee is using two cross band mobiles transmitters with uncoordinated frequencies to link them together. This creates interference with other coordinated systems.
 - Trustee has been contacted without resolving the issue
 - CCARC president recommends that the council de-coordinate the repeater (146.790 WT0NY) due to not following council's procedures.
 - Motion to de-coordinate the frequency – motion passed.
- Overdue repeater update
 - List posted on the CCARC website.
 - Discussion followed on those that have not responded to the council's attempts to verify them. Council conduct an annual update shortly, those repeaters will de-coordinated if no response. Motion to allocate \$400 to cover cost of annual reporting.

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- Big Sandy Amateur Radio Club mentioned some changes and was instructed to resend the information to the Frequency Coordinator and Council President.
- Discussion followed on allocated “new technology” funds
 - Motion made to return the funds (\$453.00) to the general fund.- motion passed.

Old Business:

- Discuss 900 MHz FCP changes approved at Spring 2016 meeting
 - Recommendation from Doug (K2AD) attached (attached below). After discussion, motion to accept – motion passed.
- Hamcon Colorado 2016 Report
 - John (W0VG) made a report on the conference. While the conference was successful it lost money due to not achieving the targeted attendance level (missed by 64 attendees). The loss resulted in a 33% decrease in returned seed money. The co-chairs would like to receive recommendations for future conferences.
 - Additional discussion to be held under roundtable.

New Business: [15 mins]

- Appoint Nominating Committee
 - Spring 2017 Election for Vice Chairman and Treasurer
 - Doug (K2AD) asked if there was anyone who would chair the nominating committee. No one volunteered, Doug (K2AD) will chair. Jeff (K0JEF) and Gerry (W0GV) will serve on the committee.
- New repeater maps need to be printed.
 - Council members in attendance confirmed their desire to continue to offer a state repeater map.
 - \$318 is available in budget to cover printing after purchasing the paper.
 - Data will be downloaded from the coordination database(s).
- Proposed changes to the Frequency Coordination Policy document regarding shared input channels on the 33cm band
 - Covered under old business.
- Colorado ARRL Section Manager’s Report
 - Jack (WM0G) gave his report (attached below).
 - A question was proposed about why is there a difference in the data of printed ARRL repeater directory and the recently ARRL supported RFinder? Bottom line is the language in the ARRL agreements, as explained by Doug (K2AD), on the ARRL sharing the information.

Open Roundtable:

- Feedback on using online resources (audio streaming) for meetings. It will be used for officers who cannot make the meeting and/or western slope. Bylaws would need to be reviewed for changes to support this method.

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- Hamfest attendance and sponsorship. What are the challenges to sponsor and how do we attract attendees?
 - Several discussion points presented by attendees.

Several groups (Pueblo, Big Sandy (Limon) and NCARC (Loveland)) volunteered to host the spring 2017 meeting. After discussion, the Big Sandy Amateur Radio Club will host the meeting in Limon. Date is April 22, 2017 with April 29th as an alternate date

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Doug Sharp (K2AD) at 1523hrs with agreement of members attending.