

Colorado Council of Amateur Radio Clubs
Minutes – Fall Meeting – October 12, 2019
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- Email from Chairperson authorizing vice chair to conduct meeting read

All,

It appears the Vice Chair will need to run Saturday's Fall meeting.

I won't be able to attend the meeting. I'm currently in the hospital with a severe infection in my right leg. I had surgery on Saturday to remove dead tissue and now have a vacuum attached to drain the wound. I've been on IV antibiotics since last Wednesday. Even if released before Saturday I doubt I'll be able to travel to Denver.

If we can get a Google Hangouts video conference setup like last meeting I may be able to attend remotely.

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Doug

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Douglas Nielsen

- Fall meeting of CCARC was called to order on October 12th, 2019 at 1:15 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Gary Hampton
 - Several minutes was spent on discussing if the vice chair could modify the published agenda with one that he created and “mailed out to the membership at around 6 a.m.”. None of the delegates present received the updated agenda. Doug Nielsen, via video attendance, decided that the original agenda that he sent out would be followed.
- Introductions – See Attendance attached.
- Secretary’s Report & Approval of Minutes from Spring 2019
 - Motion to approval of the 2019 Spring meeting as published on the CCARC website.
 - Motion passed by delegates present.
- Treasurer’s Report
 - See attached Treasurer’s report
- Frequency Coordinator’s Report
 - Tracy explained he is the new coordinator and is in the process of learning the issues.
 - Frequency Coordinator’s report attached.
 - Vice Chair Hampton then referred the group to his talking points (attached) concerning the need to redefine the council’s responsibilities:
 - Discussion followed on his criteria that will be used for frequency coordination.
 - Doug Sharp pointed out that these questions are answered in the CCARC Frequency Coordination Policies.
 - Doug Sharp mentions that 95% of repeaters are current and active. There have been efforts to assure that repeater coordination and availability of frequencies, and their use, are appropriate

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- The members present reaffirmed the existence of the Coordination Committee as defined in the Frequency Coordination Policy (Published on the CCARC website) over the objection of the vice chair who wanted to redefine their function.
- Old Business:
 - Repeater Maps/Database
 - Doug Sharp asked “Does CCARC still intend on publishing maps?”
 - The ARRL does not want our data as they have departed from their earlier method of collection.
 - Our data may (will) be more accurate than the League’s repeater directory.
 - This effort will depend on the database being accurate and functioning.
- New Business:
 - Request for members to serve on a committee to present a slate of officers for Spring 2020 meeting.
 - Positions Chairman, Secretary and Frequency Coordinator
 - Gary Hampton, Neal Temmer, Wayne Heinen, Gerry Villhauer volunteered to serve.
 - MARS Exercise 19-4 information presented.
 - Exercise will be November 3 through November 17.
 - Amateurs are encouraged to participate in responding to MARS stations when visiting their nets.
 - Amateurs are encouraged to monitor information broadcasted on WWV/WWVH during the exercise.
- Delegates report of interest to the Council.
 - Each delegate present was asked to present any items of interest.
- Shared microwave backbone has been extended to the west.
 - *The Vice Chair was asked if he had his own “hidden agenda” for CCARC? A fair synopsis of Hampton’s answer is: I do not want to hide my agenda. I have spent many years of my professional career before the Federal Communications Commission openly arguing for maximizing the use of the radio spectrum toward public benefit. My Amateur leadership will continue that path. Yes, I will argue for changing some current CCARC policy... sometimes toward more restriction... but, often toward less. Historical discussion followed with several delegates offering comments.*
 - Rocky Mountain University schedule posted.
 - Several reported configuration changes.
- *Colorado ARRL Section Manager’s Report – since the ARRL Delegate did not attend the meeting and there was no authoritative source to address follow-on questions, the Vice Chair elected to send copies of this report using the CCARC members broadcast e-mail prior to the meeting and not to use meeting time to simply read the report itself. Moreover, the Vice Chair*

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distributed paper copies of the Section Manager's Report to Delegates requesting it. (Report attached).

- Next meeting date and location selection
 - Weld Amateur Radio Society (WARS) volunteers to sponsor the 2020 Spring meeting.
 - Location and date TBD.

Formal meeting adjourned at 15:20 and program presented

- Program:
 - Decker Fire Communications issues – Dave Novotny

Thanks to Rocky Mountain Ham Radio for hosting this meeting!