

Minutes – MARC Meeting 16 April 2008

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1909 – Meeting called to order by VP Jeff Smith (KBØYCI)

1909 – Introductions

1910 – A brief Treasurer's Report was given by Jeff (KBØYCI) in the absence of Wes (KØHBZ)

1911 – A motion was made by George Smith (KØUIQ) to approve the minutes from the last meeting; the motion was seconded by Mike Napier (KØMIS) and passed unanimously.

1912 – Old Business

- Ann Burnham (ACØFB) is still playing with QSL cards/designs for the club and will have a sample for next month's meeting.
- (1914) This year's Field Day and Campfest activities will be held on Dean's (KBØVVA) property in Lake George
- Thanks were given to Mike (KØMIS) and Carol Napier (KCØZMQ) for providing the refreshments this month. Ann (ACØFB) volunteered to do the refreshments for the May meeting

1915 – New Business

- MARC will be holding a VE session on 3 May at the library.
- (1917) Don (KØDRJ) indicated that there will be a Teller County Search and Rescue mock mission being held on 17 May to test out various ideas, including having an operator stationed at the Teller County Sheriff's Office dispatch. Don will be stopping by the library to borrow one of the MARC go-kits to use. This will be a ½ to full day exercise. One thing Don did note, it may be the case that the SO is not interested in having a permanent station installed.
- (1920) SAR might be using the MARC system for some of this exercise and is looking to deploy their Command 1 vehicle (an RV) in Mueller State Park as that seems to have locations that give good coverage to the area. This exercise is looking to solve several problems they encountered on recent missions, including communications and press/PIO interaction.

1922 – Ann (ACØFB) mentioned the SKYWARN training that was recently held,

pointing out that the biggest changes indicated by the National Weather Service was related to software changes on their end. Also, filming for the documentary being worked on by Phil (KGØVY) and the Pikes Peak Library District was started at this event.

1923 – Bill (ACØED) gave an update on putting an ham station inside the ER at the new hospital. He is working with contacts there and has even offered to donate the radio if they would like a station. This might be something some of the ARES group may want to discuss with Bill. Bill also mentioned he was developing a communication committee for Teller SAR in order to help focus on communication training, etc.

1934 – Paul (NØBSS) mentioned that one of his neighbors had some ham equipment for sale, including various TNCs.

1937 – Break and move into the round table discussion.

In absence of a program for the meeting, it was decided to hold a round table discussion again, seeing the success and enjoyment one previous in the year had. Discussion of the 685 repeater and Kit's status in getting up to work on it was discussed. The topic that became primary for the evening was relating to grounding and other station protection for the upcoming lightning season. Don (KØDRJ) brought this up as he'd been thinking on this for some time now. A lot of good ideas, information, questions, suggestions, etc were raised, discussed, answered, etc in an almost hour long discussion.

2028 – The meeting was adjourned.