

Minutes – MARC Meeting 18 June 2008

Submitted by Jeff Smith – KBØYCI

1911 – Meeting called to order by VP Jeff Smith (KBØYCI)

1911 – Introductions

1912 – A motion was made by Pete Rawson (N3VW) to approve the minutes from the last meeting; the motion was seconded by Dean Buckhouse (KBØVVA) and passed unanimously.

1914 – General items

- A sympathy card for the family of Paul Moraine (NØPWM) was passed around for signing. The card was in response to the recent passing of Paul.
- Pete (N3VW) has found some long bulkhead pass-through connectors on eBay for around \$10 (plus shipping). He discovered these while looking for ways to get coax into the shack of Dean Haskins (KAØPII). Pete also brought in some heavy duty ground strap made from braided, individual strands of shielded magnet wire. He also brought up getting help to schedule people to help Lucie Haskins with some items in setting up Dean's shack. Jeff (KBØYCI) had already started this process and will continue to work on it.

1921 - Treasurer's Report

- Wes Wilson (KØHBZ) gave the report, indicating that the club was still in good financial shape. The county money still needs to be spent on the items that have already been identified. There was some question as to if the club needs to purchase any equipment to get the Badger Mtn. repeater back on the air. Wes also indicated we need to take inventory of the club's equipment and get an updated list to the insurance company.

1928 – Business

- Ann (ACØFB) was in Oklahoma and we did not have an update on the QSL card for the club that she was looking into.
- Paul Moraine (NØPWM) had recently passed away. There will be a viewing on 18 June and the Memorial on 19 June. Erin Moraine (KCØSPW) has asked if there are some club members who can help install a radio in their car they had purchased recently. Scotty (KCØHIL) offered the use of his shop for this. Eric (N3TCQ) and Dean (KBØVVA) offered to help with the install as well.
- 1936 – Bob (WØEDC) said he was looking for a new Bearcat scanner. It was indicated the club might have one for him to look at.

1936 – Break

- Carol (KCØDTQ) provided the refreshments for this month's meeting.

1958 – Call back to order

1959 - Scotty (KCØHIL) indicated he would provide refreshments for the July meeting

1959 – Eric (N3TCQ) and Dawn (KDØDES) donated two laptops to the club for use in go kits.

2000 – Program

- The program for this month is planning for the upcoming Field Day activities.
- For the benefit of those who were unfamiliar with Field Day, a brief history of the event was given. The emphasis was placed upon this being designed as an emergency preparedness exercise.
- Field Day will be held on Dean's (KBØVVA) property in Lake George.
- The basic plan for this event is “There really isn't one.” The club will provide a porta potty for the event. A pot-luck dinner will be held Saturday night. Members are asked to bring their own meat and a dish to share, the club will provide the grills. Regarding food and drink for the weekend, members decided it would work best if everyone brought their own.
- Folks are encouraged to bring their radio gear for operating. Once it is seen what is available in the field, decisions on how it will be operated will be made.

- Roger (KCØVBK) and Kit (KAØWUC) offered to bring large tents for the operations. Members are encouraged to bring any EZ-up shelters, portable tables and chairs if they have one.

2031 – Other/Late Business

- Eric (N3TCQ) had a question about D-STAR technology, specifically where is it going?
- Wes (KØHBZ) gave some information regarding a newly formed Colorado D-STAR group in Denver has been started up, specifically after looking into the technology for the upcoming Democratic National Convention. Also, the Cheyenne Mountain Repeater Group and Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association, along with others, are forming a D-STAR group in the Colorado Springs area. However, this is running into frequency problems on VHF and are currently looking into moving to UHF for D-STAR.

2040 – Meeting was adjourned.