

## **Mountain Amateur Radio Club**

Minutes of the August 19, 2009 Monthly Meeting

Submitted by Stirling West (KCØHIL)

The meeting was called to order by President Dean Buckhouse KBØVVA at 19:07 with 16 members and one guest in attendance.

Minutes of the July meeting were approved without modification on a motion from George Smith (KØUIQ) and seconded by John Meyer (KB4PA). Wes Wilson (KØHBZ) presented the Treasurer's report. There were no additional officer reports.

### **Old business:**

Wes Wilson KØHBZ, discussed acquisition and payment for the porta-pottie for field day and the upcoming Campfest. Dean Buckhouse (KBØVVA) indicated that the cost charged by "Mr. Potts," of Lake George, has gone up from \$80 to \$85 per event. Dean has made arrangements for delivery of the porta-pottie for the upcoming Campfest.

### **New Business:**

Nominations were opened for the election of Club Officers and Board members. Additional nominations will be accepted and election of officers will take place during the Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting.

Our current (2009) roster of officers was reviewed:

President: Dean Buckhouse (KBØVVA)

Vice-President: Jeff Smith (KBØYCI)

Secretary: Bill Wallick (KCØFNV)

Treasurer: Wes Wilson (KØHBZ)

Board Member: Scotty West (KCØHIL)

Board Member: John Tine (KDØDZR)

Immediate Past President: Bill Sands (ACØED)

Jeff Smith (KBØYCI) had indicated in an E-mail that he would like to take a break from the Vice-President position and Scotty West (KCØHIL) indicated he would like to step down as a Board member. Our Immediate Past President has moved from the area, so that post will remain vacant until such time as we have a change in club president.

The following nominations were offered and accepted for the following positions:

President – Incumbent president Dean Buckhouse (KBØVVA) was nominated by Wes Wilson (KØHBZ) and seconded by Kit Haskins (KAØWUC).

Vice President – Mike Napier (KØMIS) was nominated by Carol Wilson (KCØDTQ) and seconded by Kit Haskins (KAØWUC).

Secretary – Incumbent secretary Bill Wallick (KCØFNV) was nominated in absentia by Dean Buckhouse (KBØVVA) and seconded by Carol Wilson (KCØDTQ). Shannon Cordry (KDØDZR) was nominated by Stirling West (KCØHIL) and seconded by Kit Haskins (KAØWUC).

Treasurer – Incumbent treasurer Wes Wilson (KØHBZ) was nominated by Erin Moraine (KCØSPW) and seconded by Dean Buckhouse (KBØVVA).

Board Member – Paul Brown (NØBSS) was nominated by Carol Wilson (KCØDTQ) and seconded by Kit Haskins (KAØWUC) to fill the position being vacated by Scotty West (KCØHIL).

The meeting was suspended for a refreshment break at 19:30 and called back to order at 19:40 by president Dean Buckhouse (KBØVVA).

### **Program**

Kit Haskins (KAØWUC) gave a PowerPoint presentation on our repeater system and focused on the interference issues that have resulted in our Badger Mountain repeater having to be turned off for the better part of the past couple of years. Kit explained his frustration over the interference caused by sloppy and unethical equipment installations involving unlicensed Part 15 wireless Internet (ISP) companies at repeater sites and actions he has taken in an effort to mitigate the interference, including filing a detailed complaint with the FCC Denver Branch, and steps taken to get the site manager involved in an effort to solve the problem. After the presentation, members discussed the interference issues and possible ways to resolve them.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:43, following a motion by Stirling West (KCØHIL) and seconded by Dean Buckhouse (KBØVVA).