

# Mountain Amateur Radio Club

## Minutes of the Meeting

20 August 2025

The meeting began at 1905 at the Divide SO. Dean Buckhouse presiding. Intros all around. No SK noted. Minutes were read and accepted. Treasurers report was given by Deb. \$ 3954.72 in general and \$ 292.43 in VE. A VE session is set for Sept 6 at the WP library.

Victor is working on the Dstar. Ed Bretag is the TNN Manager now.

Programs. Ed has a lineup for September. Deb brought snacks. Jeff will in September.

Campfest 22 September in Lake George. HamCon 23 October in Grand Junction.

September meeting will have the officer elections.

Derek talked about new testing and background check at SO. He also needs any savvy help with new AnyTone radios.

Wes Wilson intends to sell the Roach and tower trailer

Officers nominated – Dean Pres, Danny VP, Bill Secy, Deb Treas, Board Victor.

A motion to allocate \$ 1000 for the Roach was made by Deb and Dan. Passed.

Meeting adjourned 2000

13 Members, 1 on Zoom

Submitted by Bill Wallick (KCØFNV), Secretary

## AI VERSION

### Quick recap

The meeting covered financial account updates and routine operational matters including radio settings and troubleshooting issues. Officer elections and volunteer requirements were discussed, with emphasis on background checks and credentials for various roles. The team addressed equipment needs and storage solutions, including repeaters and radio systems, while also touching on upcoming events and licensing requirements.

### Next steps

- Victor to reach out to Rich regarding radio programming assistance
- Dean to bring radio to his house for programming and testing
- Dean to check wire settings on radios to prevent transmission cutoff issues
- Dean to get receipts together for OEM reimbursement of Colorado Springs cabling work
- Dean to contact Carol and Wes about purchasing the "roach" repeater system for \$1000 or less
- Dean to contact Carol and Wes about pricing two DKR-750 repeaters
- Dean to move radio equipment to upstairs shop
- Dean to check with Carol about the status of Dan Hubers' interest in the roach repeater
- Dean to bring clipboard to trailer on Saturday for officer nominations
- Dean to reach out to powers that be regarding CJI-S training interest
- Dean to follow up with those who checked yes for CJI-S training once procedures are in place
- Dean to ask Amanda about statistics reporting requirements during Saturday meeting
- Dean to check inventory of mobile radios with Tom
- Dean to look into selling excess radios through eBay or GMRS groups

## Summary

### Financial Updates and Route Planning

The meeting covered updates on financial accounts, including community checking and VE checking, with no significant changes noted. Marc discussed setting up routes and traffic delays during his commute. The team reviewed previous meeting minutes, and Marc announced the next team session will be held on September 6th at the Park Library. There were no silent keys or personal awards recognized during the meeting.

### Radio Settings and Licensing Updates

MARC discussed issues with radio settings and sensitivity levels, sharing an incident where his dog's bark was picked up on a radio due to a sensitivity setting. He mentioned upcoming sessions at the library on September 6th and his work with technicians over the past year. MARC also touched on licensing requirements for radio operators and expressed frustration about delays in receiving feedback on certain matters.

### Radio Troubleshooting and Frequency Planning

MARC discussed troubleshooting a radio issue, explaining that inadvertently pressing a button can cause transmission cutoff, and mentioned plans to bring the radio home to program it and test it with an antenna. He also planned to reach out to Rich for further engagement and suggested checking the internet connection at a location with a combo lock gate. MARC noted that he and others had historical records of frequency usage and planned to follow up with Amanda about statistics and paperwork related to their nets.

### Upcoming Elections and Volunteer Needs

MARC discussed upcoming events, including the September meeting where elections for Mark speakers will be held, with new officers taking office on October 1st. He announced that volunteers are needed for dispatch radio operations, requiring CJI (Criminal Justice Information) training and national fingerprint background checks, which MARC can arrange for free. MARC also shared a story about new vehicle requirements where front windows must be frosted over to protect criminal records on MVG computers, highlighting growing privacy concerns at both state and federal levels.

### Antron Radio Code Plug Updates

MARC discussed the need to update and simplify code plugs for Antron A-78 radios, which currently have excessive channel configurations. He emphasized the importance of collaborative effort in this process and offered to share a VHF fire template for the county.

MARC also mentioned the need for firmware updates on these radios. Additionally, he discussed the possibility of dispatchers controlling some VHF radios and the potential for training dispatchers to operate radios directly from their consoles.

### Portable Repeater and Storage Solutions

MARC discussed the potential sale of a portable repeater system, known as the "roach," and a tower trailer, both of which Wes might be considering getting rid of. He also mentioned the need to find a new storage solution for his accumulated items, including trailers and equipment, as his current space is limited. MARC brought up the idea of setting up a GMRS repeater in the Southland Valley area to cater to 4-wheel drive groups, but expressed uncertainty about who would cover the costs. Additionally, he noted that the club's line radios have been on the back burner for over a year, and he plans to move them to an upper bay in his shop to create more space.

### Officer Nominations and Equipment Updates

The club discussed officer nominations, with Bill confirmed as Secretary and Deb considering the Treasurer position. They agreed to purchase a Rose repeater for \$1,000, pending approval from Carol and West. Marc mentioned needing to check on the trailer titles and licenses, particularly for the Route 66 trailer that is stored on his property.

### Repeater Setup and Maintenance Discussion

MARC discussed the setup and issues with repeaters at various sites, including problems with the TMC packet machine and the Frank Lakers repeater. He mentioned plans to visit the library to address cable and antenna issues. MARC also talked about the potential acquisition of a frequency agile radio for emergency use and the possibility of using old repeaters, including TKR 750s and version 1 repeaters. He noted that some version 1 repeaters had an anomaly with audio lockup and discussed potential solutions for resetting them remotely. MARC concluded by mentioning the availability of new spare repeaters and the possibility of pricing options for the club to purchase equipment.

### Volunteer Background Checks and Accountability

MARC discussed the importance of background checks and credentials for volunteers, mentioning the Colorado Volunteer Mobilizer program and the use of QR codes for personnel tracking at incidents. He emphasized the necessity of checking in and out to ensure accountability and prevent issues with unaccounted personnel. MARC also touched on the availability of online courses for qualifications and the need for volunteers to be prepared for potential federal reimbursement processes.