

BCARES BOARD MEETING – December 16, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

The BCARES Board meeting called at 19:15 by George Weber (KAØBSA) in the Pawnee room of the Boulder Regional Communications Center / EOC, 3280 Airport Road, Boulder, Colorado 80301-2226.

Attendees:

Board Member	Name (Position)	Present?
BARC Primary	Mike Derr W3DIF	N
BARC Alternate	Dave Sharpe KIØHG	Y
LARC Primary	Ron Thomas KCØNEV (Secretary)	Y
LARC Alternate	Jerry Schmidt NØOUW	Y
RMVHFS Primary	Len Koppl KDØRC	N
RMVHFS Alternate	Mike Borenstein NØBP	N
2 year At-Large Primary, elected even yrs.	George Weber KAØBSA (Vice Chairman / AEC)	Y
2 year At-Large Alternate, even year	Louis Perley III KCØVJE	Y
2 year At-Large Primary, elected odd yrs.	Allen Bishop KØARK (Chairman / EC)	Y
2 year At-Large Alternate, odd year	Mark Huff KØLRS	N
1 year At-Large Primary	Joey Stanford NVØN	Y
1 year At-Large Alternate	John Clary N1NES (Treasurer)	N
Director, Office of Emergency Mgmt.	Michael Chard	N
Boulder County Sheriff's Office	To be confirmed	N

Additional Attendees: Jack Ciaccia WMØG (PIO), Joe Callahan KCØJCC (IMA Liaison)

OLD BUSINESS AND HOUSEKEEPING

1. Review of Minutes from October Board Meeting

Minutes of the previous BCARES board meeting, held November 20, 2013 were unanimously approved.

2. Treasurer's Report – John

Deposits: \$0.01 (Interest)
Disbursements: None
Current balance: \$732.55

3. Training, Certification, and Credentialing – George and Jerry

Joe has setup a Google Docs spreadsheet for MERN members to indicate available dates for an FCC technician class. So far, there is one particular weekend that eleven individuals can attend, so the training will be held on that weekend.

4. MERN Updates

Joe and George consolidated the equipment list for grant consideration. The board reviewed the current list and provided Joe with feedback. Joe is going to refine the list and forward it to the board for further review.

Dave advised that BCARES has the equipment to fully construct a repeater at Eldora, with the exception of an antenna. Dave will identify the specific commercial antenna model BCARES should use for the MERN repeater sites. Given the uncertainties in final MERN locations, the project to link all MERN repeaters is on hold.

5. BCARES Website, Email, and General IT – Ron

Ron created a general membership distribution list for board announcements to BCARES members. Ron subscribed all members on the most recent copy of the BCARES roster. At the moment, only BCARES board members can submit messages to this distribution list without it going through moderation.

6. D-STAR Status (Statewide Net and Acquisition of Northern System) – Joey

BCARES now has control of two D-STAR systems KC0DS (formerly W0DK) currently located at the Boulder Municipal Airport. Joey now has the keys to physically access the KC0DS system and will be performing a software update within the next week. While Joey is working on the system side, he needs someone to help coordinate the physical installation of the repeater at Lee Hill.

Joey has already upgraded the W0CDS server to Freestar. According to Joey's simulations, the planned physical location for the repeater at Devil's Head does not provide great coverage to all of Denver or north. The road to the Devil's Head location is now closed for the season, so Joey is going to temporarily relocate the W0CDS system to Lookout Mountain near Golden.

7. Boulder Flood After Action Report – Allen

Allen will distribute the after action report over the holidays.

8. Celly Deployment – Joey

The reason we want to go with Celly is that they have curated channels. The only individuals who are able to post announcements to these curated channels are individuals who have been granted specific permission to do so. Joey is going to send his latest draft to the board and will send an email to the membership in the next couple of days.

9. BCARES Cubicle Equipment – George

George is still attempting to identify a resource to repair the ID-880 radio from the BCARES cubicle and has submitted a purchase request for the Diamond MX-3000 triplexer.

10. New Member Interviews – George and Jerry

Jerry, John, and George had good meetings with Marcus Ward and Tom McMitchen. They will continue through the BCARES membership process.

New Business

1. BCARES Annual Meeting Plan

The BCARES annual meeting will be held on Monday, January 27, 2014 in the Houston Room of the Boulder County Clerk and Recorder's office at 1750 33rd Street, Boulder, CO 80301. BCARES will provide very light refreshments. Doors will open at 6:00 and the meeting will start at 6:30.

The board discussed options for guest speakers including the FEMA Region 8 Director, Dan Barber, and Mike Chard.

George Weber will pull up the invitation letter from last year, update as needed, and send it to all members. Invitations should also go to the MERN information group.

Dave will bring the sound system for the meeting.

2. New Member Requests – George

There were no new member requests since the last meeting.

3. BCSO Representative

Despite his retirement, Phil West has been listed as the BCSO representative to BCARES. Individuals on the board suspect that Heidi Prentup might be the appropriate representative, but Allen will confirm.

4. BCARES Storage

Allen is going to speak with BCSO and EOC contacts to attempt to identify additional storage and working space for BCARES equipment.

Next BCARES Meeting:

Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at 19:00

**Location: Boulder Regional Communications Center / EOC, Pawnee Room,
3280 Airport Road, Boulder, Colorado 80301-2226**

ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting was adjourned at **22:20**.

**Respectfully submitted,
Ron Thomas – KCØNEV
LARC Primary Liaison
BCARES Secretary**