

BCARES BOARD MEETING – August 22, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

The BCARES Board meeting called at 19:02 by Allen Bishop (KØARK) 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	N
2 year At-Large Primary, elected odd yrs.	Allen Bishop KØARK (Chairman / EC)	Y
2 year At-Large Alternate, odd year	Mark Huff KØLRS (Treasurer)	N
1 year At-Large Primary	Joey Stanford NVØN	N
1 year At-Large Alternate	John Clary N1NES	Y
Director, Office of Emergency Mgmt.	Michael Chard	N
Boulder County Sheriff's Office	Cmdr Phil West (BCSO Volunteer Coord.)	N

Additional Attendees: Jack Ciaccia WMØG

OLD BUSINESS AND HOUSEKEEPING

1. Review of Minutes from July Board Meeting

Minutes of the previous BCARES board meeting, held July 9, 2013 were unanimously approved.

2. Treasurer's Report

Allen reports that as of August 9, 2013 the checking account balance is \$771.60.

2a. Transfer Accounting Records from Allen to Mark

Allen has not yet been able to connect with Mark about transitioning treasurer duties. Allen will continue to serve as temporary treasurer.

2b. Receipts / Disbursements / Balance / Planned

George Weber reported that he had written a \$40.00 check (number 5518) to BCARES for hat sales on January 30, 2013. This check has not yet cleared his bank, so he asked after the status of the deposit. Allen does not believe he has it anywhere in his records, but will double-check before the next board meeting

Dave has some expenses as a result of the Allenspark repeater installation and needs to develop an updated and itemized list of expenses. Dave is going to provide the list to Allen

and contact Merrie Leach to ensure that the costs are covered under the BCSO grant opportunities.

3. Training, Certification, and Credentialing

Basic ATV training is scheduled for this Saturday, August 24, 2013 at the EOC. Jerry has added the CPR training on Saturday August 31, 2013 on the website with event with booking enabled and has already been contacted by six interested individuals.

4. MERN Updates

4a. Repeater – Allenspark Installation Review – Dave

The repeater installation took longer than anticipated, but the repeater was installed successfully. The antenna was mounted using all-thread completely through the wall of the building. There were a lot of non-BCARES individuals on hand to assist and lots of residents were interested in seeing the repeater installation. A battery backup has not yet been installed, but Allen has a spare car battery he's going to donate to be installed at the repeater site.

4b. Repeater – Eldora Site Plan and Install – Allen / Dave

Allen received an email today stating that the BCSO is still in negotiations with the building owner to determine the location of the new repeater site. A frequency pair still needs to be allocated.

4c. Next FCC Training Date – George W.

George continues to offer an FCC training course to MERN, provided they can come up with at least five individuals for the course. There hasn't yet been enough interest to hold the class.

4d. Gold Hill Repeater – George W.

George and Joe Callahan tested the coverage of the Gold Hill repeater along the road through Four-Mile Canyon. The repeater provides coverage through the entire canyon, but it seems that simplex generally worked better for communicating from the canyon road to top of the canyon.

5. BCARES Website Updates and Status – Ron

The website continues to function well. Ron reported that Joey was somehow unsubscribed from the BCARES Board email distribution list, but has since been re-added. Several individuals have requested some kind of calendar function on the front page to advertise upcoming event, so Ron is going to look into that. Jerry also reported that the bookings functionality seems to be working strangely Ron will investigate that as well.

6. Redbook Updates – All

Dale was coordinating all the Red Book updates, so someone needs to track him down. Allen will attempt to reach out to Dale via telephone at Ball Aerospace.

7. Grant Status

7a. Ball Aerospace Project Grant – Dale

Allen will check in with Dale on the grant status when he reaches him via telephone.

7b. Intrado / Steve Meer – Allen

Allen sent an email to Steve asking about a possibility of receiving a \$5,000 grant from Intrado. Allen has not yet heard back, so fingers are crossed.

8. D-Star Status (Statewide Net and Acquisition of Northern System) – George / Joey

Allen would like BCARES to get this moving and develop a solid and contiguous 23cm link from Wyoming to Colorado Springs. Jack reports that the state would like to have a backbone linking all of the county EOCs, D-STAR could fill that role.

BCARES has the equipment, but we still need to identify suitable locations for the BARC and CDS stacks. The board resolved that a D-STAR team will be formed no later than the end of the next board meeting to guide the development of D-STAR in Colorado.

8a. Relocation of BCARES Unit from the Airport

BARC has asked BCARES again to remove the D-STAR stack from the Boulder Municipal Airport. The Channel 4 building was investigated as a possible location, but unfortunately there's no room. A building near the Channel 4 site is now being investigated as a possible home.

8b. Relocation of Mt. Thorodin D-STAR to Lee Hill

The D-STAR repeater located at Mount Thorodin (CDS Stack) is going to be switched off on Friday, August 23, 2013 and moved to the BCSO rack or Lee Hill. Allen is going to connect with Dean Scott or Scott Whitehead at 08:00 on Friday, August 23, 2013 to see if the hardware can be temporarily secured in the BCSO room.

9. Boulder County Site Survey Project Status – Dale

Allen will discuss this with Dale when they connect.

New Business

1. New Members – George W. / Jerry

There have no new membership applications since the last meeting.

2. Uniforms – Allen and George

3a. Uniforms

Allen confirmed that the official BCARES uniform is a tan shirt with black or dark blue cargo or tactical pants.

3b. New ARES Patch – Availability and Use

Allen will forward the information about the process to obtain the new Colorado ARES patch to the board.

3. CU Football – Mark / Dave

The first CU football game is scheduled for Saturday, September 7, 2013. The ATV equipment at CU needs to be inventoried and checked for operation before the first football game. CUPD has obtained new cameras for this season, but two of the older cameras have been borrowed by CUPD detectives. CUPD has advised that these two cameras will be replaced, but they have not been yet. Dave is going to stop by CUPD on Saturday morning before the ATV training, pick up the new cameras and CU ATV packs, and bring them to the training. Ron, Jerry, and George will assist the equipment shakedown at the ATV training.

4. CU Welcome Back Concert Event (BCARES Participation?) Mark / Dave

Dave is attempting to contact CU to find out for sure, but CU did not request BCARES assistance for the

5. Donated Repeater

Allen recommended that BCARES convert the donated 14W repeater into a portable repeater. George W. believes that BCARES has a four-can duplexer attached to the current portable repeater that could be used for the project. Allen would like to see the creation of a Mobile Repeater Task Force that would manage at least two rapidly deployable portable repeaters.

6. Broomfield Update

George Weber met with Mark Thomas (BCARES) and Kent Davies (Broomfield EOC) regarding amateur radio equipment in the Broomfield EOC. George, and Mark tested the equipment at the Broomfield EOC and re-routed some coax. George and Mark discovered that the D-STAR radios must have a call sign programmed in them at all times. To avoid having any one individual call sign tied to the radio, George and Mark have formed Broomfield Radio Amateur Group (BRAG) and is applying for a club call sign to use at the Broomfield EOC.

Next BCARES Meeting:

Tuesday, September 24, 2013 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 21:19.

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