

BCARES BOARD MEETING – March 26, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

The BCARES Board meeting was called to order at 06:55 PM 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	N
2 year At-Large Primary, elected odd yrs.	Allen Bishop KØARK (Chairman / EC)	N
2 year At-Large Alternate, odd year	Mark Huff KØLRS (Treasurer)	Y
1 year At-Large Primary	Joey Stanford NVØN	Y
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 Ciacca WMØG (PIO)

OLD BUSINESS AND HOUSEKEEPING

1. Treasurer's Report

Mark's been out of town, so the bank paperwork hadn't been updated as of the start of the meeting. Mark reports that the current checking account balance is \$991.08. George Weber had an additional \$40.00 from BCARES hat sales that he handed to Mark at the March board meeting. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

2. Review of Minutes from February Board Meeting

Minutes of the previous BCARES board meeting, held February 26, 2013 were unanimously approved.

3. Training, Certification, and Credentialing

As discussed at the last board meeting, an EOC orientation training is the largest stumbling block to getting more members certified at higher levels. George Weber was able to secure an EOC orientation for May 4, 2013 at 9:00 am. Jerry is also coordinating with Jim Andrews to schedule an ATV training session. Jerry and George Weber are coordinating on scheduling the training sessions that will have the greatest effect on increasing the number of credentialed members.

Allen Bishop has promised to have the BCARES credential cards printed and laminated by April 1st. John Clary is taking an action item to connect with Allen to offer to run the laminator.

4. MERN Updates

4a. Repeaters – Dave

Dave has sufficient parts to get going on the repeater slated for Eldora. Dave is speaking with Jack Ciacca to obtain frequency pairs.

There is a distinct possibility that the Gold Hill fire station will be moving “up the hill” soon. There has been a request from Gold Hill Fire Department for some guidance in what BCARES would like for antennas and coax in the new location. Based on his experience with the Longmont EOC, Joey recommended at least one multiband vertical and one yagi on a rotator for ATV. Jack and Dave expanded on that by suggesting that packet radio is included in any expansion plans.

4b. Next FCC Training Date – George Weber

George is waiting for confirmed numbers for the next MERN training. He will run a course if there are at least 10 participants.

5. Website Updates – Ron

Ron has done very little with the website since the February board meeting. George has comments and requests for website updates that he’s offered to Ron when available.

6. Red Book Updates – All

No new information.

7. Operation Lights Out Table-Top Review – Allen

Allen sent an ICS 205 form with a proposed agenda. Operation Lights Out will take place over three days with BCARES participation only required on April 13, 2013 between 8:00 AM and 12:00 PM

8. Grant Status

No new information.

9. D-Star Status –Joey

The FreeStar plugin allows the BCARES D-Star repeater to connect to more places. Joey has attempted to contact John Maxwell about the Mount Thorodin repeater. John stated that he’d like to help push it along with BCARES, but was out of the country until March 23. During the meeting, Joey sent another email to John requesting a status update.

10. Boulder County Site Survey Project Status – John

Dale and John haven’t yet done a handover, so John doesn’t have any of the site survey paperwork. George Weber will get some additional site survey information during the Boulder County outdoor siren test on April 1.

New Business

1. New Members – George W. & Jerry

Christopher Paul Evans has applied for BCARES membership. Jerry knows Christopher well via LARC and thinks he’ll be a very valuable member of BCARES.

2. Exercises

a. NDMS – DIA – June 5, 6:00 am to 3:00 pm

Allen provided an overview for BCARES participation in the NDMS exercise to the BCARES board via email on March 26, 2013.

b. Operation Lights Out – April 13, 2013 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Allen provided an ICS 205 form for Operation Lights Out. More information will come soon.

c. Vital Connection – May 15th through 17th – Allen (More information coming from Perry Lundquist)

There were no updates at the March board meeting.

d. Good Sam Evacuation Exercise – May 31st – Doshia / George K.

There were no updates at the March board meeting.

e. MERN Exercise – Nederland to Lyons – Date TBD – Allen

There were no updates at the March board meeting.

f. Boulder County Siren Test – April 1, 2013

George is coordinating the Boulder County Siren Test. He needs an additional eight volunteers to fully staff the requested siren locations.

3. Monthly Status or Newsletter on Board Activities – Joey

Several ideas were floated to increase exposure of the board's activities to the general membership including more posts on the website, monthly emails to the membership containing a summary of the board meeting and a link to the draft minutes, announcements on the weekly BCARES net, and committee updates via email, BCARES website or Monday night nets.

4. GroupMe for Paging – Joey

Joey has been spearheading a pilot use of GroupMe as an auxiliary notification method for BCARES emergency communications. Joey would like to expand the pilot to include more BCARES members. The GroupMe communication method is currently un-moderated. There is a concern that without moderation, GroupMe could be misused and the messaging could quickly become diluted. Joey is going to investigate moderating capabilities and report back to the board.

5. Uniforms – Joey

Currently the only official BCARES uniform is the BCARES ball cap. Joey would like the board to discuss potential updates to the BCARES uniform, possibly a blue polo shirt and khaki pants. George Weber has had good luck with Land's End products, so he will investigate product and pricing options.

Next BCARES Meeting:

Wednesday, April 24, 2013 7:00 PM

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

ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM.

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