

BCARES BOARD MEETING – July 9, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

The BCARES Board meeting began at 19:06 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	Y
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: Rick Woodsome KØETN

OLD BUSINESS AND HOUSEKEEPING

1. Treasurer's Report

Mark was unable to attend the meeting, so there was no treasurer's report. Allen reported that as of June 11, the bank balance was \$991.09. As a rough estimate, Allen believes the current bank balance is about \$600. George submitted \$30 from the sale of 3 BCARES hats. Given that Mark has been unable to attend a board meeting since his appointment to treasurer, Allen is going to call Mark and ask if he would mind if Jerry Schmidt took over the treasurer position. The board members in attendance unanimously support this decision.

2. Review of Minutes from April and May Board Meetings

Minutes of the previous BCARES board meetings, held April 24, 2013 and May 28, 2013 were unanimously approved.

3. Training, Certification, and Credentialing

Jim Andrews is hosting an ATV Repeater training on Saturday, July 13 at the EOC. There is no other training currently on the calendar, but there are several topics available. The available topics include usage of the video cameras from CU, packet radio (which should be split into two separate courses), and basic ATV support.

4. MERN Updates

4a. Repeaters – Dave

Dave reported that BCARES has received final approval for an Allenspark repeater frequency (147.030 (+) 100Hz tone) and the crystals are installed and working. Allen reported that approval from the Allenspark fire is pending, but upon installation, BCARES must demonstrate that the MERN repeater does not cause any interference with the existing VHF radios at the Allenspark fire building.

Dave reported that the location for the repeater at Eldora is approved, but construction has not yet begun. Because the exact coordinates are not confirmed, a frequency pair has not yet been requested. Dave also advised that a brand new pair of crystals currently costs about \$65.00.

George advised that MERN has coordinated a formal net on the MERN repeater on Tuesdays evenings at 20:00.

4b. Next FCC Training Date – George Weber

Allen asked if there are any plans to do a new FCC training course for the general public. George has contacted the Inter-Mountain Mayors Alliance and advised that BCARES will hold another training course with a minimum of five interested people.

4c. BCARES Representative to Inter-Mountain Alliance (IMA)

A motion to recognize Joe Callahan as the official BCARES representative to the IMA was approved unanimously by the board.

5. Website Updates – Ron

Ron is continuing to update the website. George has requested some additional training on updating and maintaining the website.

6. Red Book Updates – All

Due to changes in Colorado ARES district number and AuxCom, the Red Book updates should be reviewed before publication. George and Dave are going to attempt to contact Dale before the next board meeting.

7. Grant Status – Allen

Ball – Allen asked that George or Dave ask Dale for an update on the status of a grant from Ball. Intrado – Allen has been unable to connect with Steve Meer since the last board meeting. Allen will attempt to contact him again before the next board meeting.

Allen is working on obtaining reimbursement for expenses that BCARES has incurred to support the Bolder Boulder and build the Allenspark repeater.

Allen will contact the BCSO to find out if funds are available for donation to BCARES. Dave is going to reach out to CUPD in a similar vein.

9. D-Star Status – George

The current D-STAR stack at Mt. Thorodin is going to have to move to a new location. The current thinking is that it will move to Lee Hill. The BCARES D-STAR stack would then be moved to an eastern site that has line of sight into the canyons. With the moving of these two stacks, it would be possible to maintain a contiguous 23cm RF D-STAR links from Cheyenne to Pueblo.

The management of the D-STAR equipment currently located at Mt. Thorodin has not been completely decided, but BCARES is still on the list for consideration.

10. Boulder County Site Survey Project Status – John

John asked George and Dave to ask Dale for the site survey spreadsheet so he can proceed.

New Business

1. New Members – George W. & Jerry

George received an application for membership from Saurabh A. Sanghai. Saurabh passed the background check and the board unanimously approved his application.

2. Certifications – Jerry

Nothing new to cover.

3. Exercises

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

Allen spoke with Mike Chard who thinks this exercise is a great idea. Allen thinks the scope for this exercise can be limited to BCARES and MERN. More information about the exercise will be forthcoming.

b. National Night Out – Broomfield – August 6, 2013 17:00 – 20:00

4. Uniforms – Allen and George

Robert Wareham has identified a shirt embroidery shop and supplier that will provide Colorado ARES shirts at a cost of \$35.00 per shirt. ARES uniforms will be a tan shirt with navy blue pants.

5. ARRL Comments to North Central Region at HAMCON

- a.** Jack and Robert assured ARRL representatives that Colorado AUXCOM will exist as a subset of ARES.
- b.** The Colorado ARES districts have been renamed and renumbered.
- c.** ARES-served agencies in Colorado have stated that a lack of felony convictions is required for any deployment. Jack, Robert, and ARRL representatives agreed that individuals with felony convictions may become members of Colorado ARES, but will not be sent on any deployments.

6. Email Distribution and Announcement Lists

The board email distribution list has been working well for the board. Ron is going to expand the distribution list to include all BCARES liaisons. Ron is also going to create an announcement list for the general membership.

Next BCARES Meeting:

Thursday, August 22, 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 21:32.

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