

## BCARES BOARD MEETING – September 25, 2012

### CALL TO ORDER

The BCARES Board meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Allen (KØARK) and Dale (KAØQPV) at the main EOC 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 (Secretary)	N
BARC Alternate	Dave Sharpe KIØHG	Y
LARC Primary	Ron Thomas KCØNEV	Y
LARC Alternate	Jerry Schmidt NØOUW	N
RMVHFS Primary	Len Koppl KDØRC	N
RMVHFS Alternate	Mike Borenstein NØBP	N
2 year At-Large Primary, elected even yrs.	George Weber KAØBSA	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	Dale Scott KAØQPV (Admin. Vice- Chairman / AEC)	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)  
Doshia Kretke (KBØNAS)  
George Kretke (NØRUX)

### OLD BUSINESS AND HOUSEKEEPING

#### a. Review of Minutes from Last Board Meeting

Minutes of the previous BCARES Board meeting, held August 28, 2012, were unanimously approved.

#### b. Treasurer's Report

Jim Kubitscheck was not available to provide a report.  
George Weber has \$30 from BARCFEST hat sales.

#### c. Certification & Credentialing updates

Dale has a list of individuals that have returned a signed BCARES MOU or re-application. Dale will soon send a final email to this list of individuals requesting that they either return the signed documents or their BCARES badge within seven days.

#### **d. MERN Updates**

Allen will soon meet with the chief of Gold Hill Fire to identify an appropriate spot for and plan the installation of the generator.

Ueli (KB9TTI) and Joan (KCØYUZ) Hauser provided a \$1,000.00 donation to BCARES earmarked for a MERN repeater in Allenspark. Dale will produce a thank you letter for the Hausers

MERN is getting a lot of press. Mountain mayors have requested that BCARES hold a training, perhaps in concert with the EOC, on emergency preparedness and “what to do with the radios” in case of an emergency. Allen is thinking to coordinate with EOC to give the training some additional gravitas. Allen requested Jack Ciacca’s help in obtaining media coverage of MERN as it will soon become a very large and valuable community resource.

BCSO and Boulder County Equipment have donated 26 mobile VHF radios that Allen will pick up soon.

#### **e. 70cm repeater status**

Dave Sharpe has been nominated to take physical possession of the 70cm repeater on behalf of BCARES.

#### **f. BCARES Web Page Updates / Status**

The BCARES website is operating quite well. Several members have been assisting in updating information with the occasional formatting hiccup. Dale has a large number of pictures that he’d like to post on the website. Dale and Ron will coordinate to get the pictures posted on the website.

Dave asked about the appropriate location for ATV quad-box training. Dale recommended that the EOC quad box training be done as part of the EOC training.

Dave has made great headway in updating ATV training information on the website. Future training information will be refined as we further refine the Red Book.

#### **g. New Batteries in Service**

Pete Goldman has put four new 7Ah batteries into service in the equipment cache. Pete has performed an inventory of the equipment cache and discovered that one long 70cm beam and one 2m beam antenna are missing. Allen has the 70cm beam for Operation Vortex and will return it immediately after the operation is over.

### **New Business**

#### **1. County/Longmont MOU Updates and Observations**

The Boulder County MOU has been signed. Three original copies exist, one held by Boulder County Commissioners, one by Boulder County Sheriff, and one by Allen Bishop as BCARES EC.

Allen and Joey have been developing a Longmont-specific MOU. At the moment, Joey has the action item to share the MOU with Longmont for feedback and signing. Allen is aware that Joey is very busy at the moment and will contact him to see if Joey would like some assistance in chasing the City of Longmont on the MOU review and signature

#### **2. CU Football ATV Planning, Preparations, and Equipment Enhancements**

Dave thinks we’re well-prepared for the next game. Dale will send another email requesting volunteers. TV60 is currently out of commission and in Mark’s hands for fixing. Mark is also

preparing a list of CU ATV accessories to ensure that individual BCARES members no longer need to bring equipment or supplies to support the CU football games.

Dave has some minor concern regarding staffing of the game on October 11 due to joint scheduling with Operation Vortex. Dave will not be able to attend the early setup, but Louis and Ron can break from Operation Vortex early to do assist with setup for the game if needed.

### **3. Operation Vortex Planning Overview**

Allen presented the current plan for ATV support of Operation Vortex.

### **4. Red Book Updates / Status of Appendix Modules**

Dale has received two modules so far and is aware of at least five other individuals working on other modules. Dale has his main document about 25% complete so far, but is mostly outlined and should be able to be finished quickly. First drafts are due October 15 and Dale would greatly appreciate it being done by then if not earlier.

### **5. Grant Request Planning: Project Budget vs. Operational Budget**

Allen will develop an equipment wishlist.

Dale encouraged the board to take a project budget or operational budget process to determining grant requests and needs. The first step is to develop a budget. Dale asked that we develop what makes sense in terms of need and most bang for the buck.

### **6. D-Star System Relocation Updates**

John Reilly (NØTA) is waiting for a final decision from the airport as to whether the skydiving club will be vacating their current location at the airport. If the skydiving club does vacate, BARC will relocate their clubhouse to the upstairs location. If the BARC relocation happens, BCARES is obligated to remove the D-Star Rack ASAP.

Allen is exploring several options for a new home for the D-Star stack.

### **7. BCARES – CU Email Service**

Dale received notice from CU that they are moving mail servers and asked all current listserv users whether they're still using their lists and would like to be moved to the new servers. Dale responded that BCARES would like to keep the lists as active.

### **8. BCARES Packet Cluster Status**

A couple of weeks before the September 25 meeting, it was reported that the BCARES packet node was down. Upon investigation, the node at the EOC was fully operational; the problem was the microwave link to Davidson Mesa. A new link has been established and the cluster is back online.

### **9. Replacement Computer for BCARES EOC Cube**

The PC that was running DeLorme Topo software in the BCARES EOC cube has died and needs replacement. Louis and Ron have access to donated PCs from their employers that could serve as replacements. Ron and Louis will coordinate with each other to identify a specific PC for replacement.

### **10. Denver Water Board – Possible Technician Training**

George Weber received interest from Mark Thompson with the Denver Water Board. Mark Thompson has asked if George could teach a Technician class similar to the classes done with MERN. George will follow up with Mark.

### **11. Ham Preparation for EMP**

Dale has noticed a lack of preparation on the ham radio side for man-made or natural EMPs. Dale suggested storage of spare radio equipment in EMP- and EMI-shielded containers such as ammo cans, galvanized steel trash cans, or electrically insulated bags within opaque Mylar bags.

**Upcoming Items: LARC, BARC – BCARES MOUs**

**Next BCARES Board Meeting:**

**October 23, 2012 7:00 PM**

**Location: Boulder County EOC, 3280 Airport Road**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Board meeting was adjourned at 10:19 PM

**Respectfully submitted,  
Ron Thomas – KC0NEV  
LARC Primary Liaison and backup scribe**