

Durango Amateur Radio Club

9-8-21 19:00

Regular Club Meeting

Board Attendance: Mike Hawkins AD0EV, David Bygel KD0WWT, Zach Belnap KE0KED

Total Meeting Attendance: 11

Quorum Present: Yes

19:00- Call to meeting and introductions.

19:05- Mike AD0EV: Modification to agenda. Added Eagle Pass USFS inventory to agenda. Approved by majority.

19:06- Jim and Carol announced Gary Kennedy, WB0BLM, SK.

19:08 – Mike, AD0EV: VE testing session September 25 at 1:00PM. We are in need of more VE's. If you are a VE or are interested in becoming one, please contact Mike.

19:11- Treasurer's Report. Dave KD0WWT: Uploaded to IO page. Current funds: \$4524.97, with \$820 worth in challenge coins.

19:13- Trustee Report: John N0GIO, Dave Reed KB5SPW: Missionary Ridge- Need a circulator or RX with higher Q factor to remedy large amounts of RFI in the area. We have a new Motorola XPR 8300 coming in the mail which will hopefully fit the bill. Paul W0EZN, offered the use of some filters that we will try as well. The new repeater will be setup as analog only to simplify operation. Motion made by John, N0GIO, seconded by John N9NLC, approved by majority.

Colorado Connection is still having internet connectivity issues. Rob K0RBK, is assisting them with setting up a new ISP.

Discussion regarding what to do with the old Kenwood repeater. John, N0GIO, says he has a prospective buyer if the club is interested in selling. John N9NLC, suggested that we hang on to it until the new repeater is up and running successfully. Motion made, approved by majority.

The APRS Digipeater on Eagle Pass has been damaged beyond repair. John, N0GIO, says the current microchip shortage makes acquiring a new one almost impossible. He does have a "borrowed" one on his shelf that he may be able to get up to Eagle in the meantime and can reimburse the owner at a later time.

The club's long lost Uhaul box (Not the one on Eagle Pass) has been located, but has been considered abandoned, and therefore no longer in the club's possession.

The club is looking for someone willing to offer storage space for the club's belongings. If you are interested in offering space, please get in touch with Dave KD0WWT.

19:44- Motion made by Dave to reimburse John N0GIO, \$25 for a ladder to be kept at Eagle Pass. Seconded by Zach KE0KED, approved by majority. This will be much more convenient than stacking blocks to reach the solar panel array and other area's around the tower.

19:47- Eagle Pass inventory report: Due October 13.

19:50- Program: John NOGIO, showed us his new PowerPulse battery maintainer. He plans on installing it on his batteries on Eagle Pass and would like to know if the club is interested in using it on our batteries as well. It works by creating pulses in voltage to desulfate the lead plates on the batteries, prolonging their life.

20:00- Mike ADOEV, inquired about upcoming events. As of now we may have the Animas Balloon rally and after that would be the Snowdown balloon rally. We will be in contact with Steve NOHGV to find more details.

20:07- Meeting adjourned.

-Zach Belnap

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