

Durango Amateur Radio Club

9-14-22 19:00

Regular Club Meeting

Board Attendance: Mike Hawkins ADOEV, Zach Belnap KE0KED, David Bygel KD0WWT, Jeff Corr NX1V

Total Meeting Attendance: 15

Quorum Present: Yes

19:06- Mike ADOEV: Add reminder of President and Secretary elections in December.

19:08- Introductions

19:16- Treasurer's Report: David KD0WWT Nothing in/out this month. Total in account: \$4,484.64. We would like to boost our challenge coin sales via more advertising or possibly lowering price.

19:20- Trustee report: John N0GIO:

- Forest Service form for Eagle Pass is ready to send off

- Motion made and approved to purchase one 120 watt solar panel for Eagle Pass.

- Discussion as to the replacement of John's wind generator.

- Steve N0HGV, is going to program the new controller for Eagle and setup

Eagle/Missionary with tones again so we have more control.

- We are tentatively planning on making a trip to Eagle for work October 7. The plan is to cut a major tree which has fallen across the road, replace the solar panel, replace repeater controller, remount a VHF antenna, and do some general cleanup of the towers. Please contact John N0GIO if you would like to volunteer. We will need a lot of help! Thank you

- Grant applications: Currently Jeff NX1V is looking into a grant application, and has the support of a few members to help get that completed. We hope to have someone who can take point on these applications from here on out. If you are interested, please let us know.

- We are rebirthing the Technical/Repeater committee. If you would like to join that please let us know and we'll put you on the email list.

19:45- Rob K0RBK: The Colorado Connection is still looking for better internet for its Missionary repeater. They are currently looking at a microwave LOS antenna from somebody's house. Jeff NX1V has a friend who may be able to assist...

20:00- Steve N0HGV: Kendall now has had some work done thanks to the railroad. They airlifted two tower sections for a repeater and building. SAR is now in the FS box next to ours.

20:02- Motion made and approved to make Creature Comforts our primary meeting place, with the County building as a backup.

20:05- We will be looking for volunteers to help put up some antennas at Creature Comforts, once the antenna comes in the mail.

20:08- Jess W5SXB: Looking into reworking our bylaws and constitution in order to revive the 501©3 effort. We will discuss further at the next meeting.

20:12- Program Alan K0ADL: Alan, a superhost, provided snacks and beverages for the meeting. He handed out flash drives loaded with all the issues of 73 Magazine, and some interviews with Wayne Greene. We got a crash course on antenna design. A huge thanks to Alan for having us!

20:30- We played with Steve N0HGV's new radio. It was a QRP SDR transceiver that was really slick. We were able to hear quite a bit and Jeff almost made a CW contact.

20:45- Meeting adjourned.

-Zach Belnap
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