

# Minutes

## PWARC Meeting 9 March, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Sipes (KB0JIT) at 2:00 p.m. in King Room A at the Pueblo West Library. Nineteen members and one guest were present.

**Members attending were:** 19

Paul Sipes (KB0JIT)- President  
Jim McConnell (NE0DA) – Vice-President  
Roger Stasiak (W0ROG) – Secretary  
Jane Ewing (KA0USA) - Director  
Dave Yeater (KY6YYY) - Director  
Neal Tew (KD0MBL) – Director  
Bill Ewing (WA0KAQ via SKYPE), Founder  
Steve Worley (KD0QCF)  
Carrie Worley (KD0QCF)  
Bob Akins (WD0FBW)  
Stanley Clark (WB0JRC)  
Stanley Dorris (KC0OYO)  
Jim Lutenberg (N0OBV)  
Tony Gonzalez (KD0OXO)  
Dustin Cox (N0DRC)  
Kirk Kelly (KD0LDH)  
Dan Wantuck (N8OJW)  
Ed Force (NI5R)  
Tony Gonzalez (KD0OXO)

**Guests:** (1) Sara Akins

**Excused:** Dan Broadbooks (NG0T) - Treasurer

**Birthdays:** Stan (KC0OYO), Chuck (KC0YMK), Julian (KD0SWS)

**New Members:** Roger Yust (KB0DHN), Terry Glaze (KB0BZO)

**Newly Licensed Members:** None

**Members renewing since last meeting:** Roger (W0ROG)

**Memberships expired in March:** None

**Memberships Expiring in April:** Cody (ND0A), Jim Lutenberg (N0OBV), Kirk Kelly (KD0LDH), Mason Meek (WA6HSI), Julian Van Dyke (KD0SWS)

**Comments by Bill Ewing (Founder):**

A year ago on [January 11](#) I went to the hospital and was away for 19 days. When I got out, the club members were happy and helping each other with antennas and other projects. Several of you even came over and helped Jane at the house and built a wheel chair ramp for me. Everyone was working together as a team.

This year on the same date I went in for 3 days, and when I came out there was a feud going on about a misunderstanding about whether the club wanted people from Pueblo and other places to be members. Of course we do, but we don't want to poach members from other clubs. Anyone from another club is invited to be here, and we also invite our members to join other clubs. The more experience you have with ham radio, the more you should learn and the more fun you should have.

Then last month there was the debate over how and where the scholarship should be spent. Now it is too late to offer that scholarship, so we lost that opportunity. The vast majority of our donations come from Pueblo West residents, and that's where the money should be spent.

And then there was all the discussion about the net script being changed.....

So we've had a couple of rough months starting off the year. However, I've noticed things seem to be getting better again the last few weeks, and I am hopeful that will continue. Also, this is a ham radio club. Leave your politics, your home problems, and your religious views at the door. We don't care about them. Here, we're all on the same team. There isn't a person in this room who wouldn't help another one of you if you need help, no matter what your views are. That's what a team is.

There are always things that can be improved, but basically our club is still headed in the right direction as established in its Constitution. One thing we do need is more people who are willing to run for office. I ask that everyone consider that next year.

To me, the two most important things for the club are for the members to be active and be having fun. As you know, I've had to give up a lot of work I was doing. I'm happy others have volunteered to take up that slack, even though it was difficult for me to let it go, and I thank them for their efforts. I'll be starting my 50<sup>th</sup> year in ham radio in May, and I'm looking forward to having fun doing what I can to support the club and to promote amateur radio for whatever time I have left. I'm asking everyone to put their differences aside and join me in that same purpose.

### **ARRL Membership Report:**

We now have 47 members; 46 are Licensed. Of the 46 voting members, 13 hold Tech licenses, 14 have General licenses, 2 have Advanced class licenses, and 17 have Extra class licenses. 28 belong to the ARRL. That gives us a 60% ARRL Membership.

### **New ARRL Memberships or Renewals:**

**Rag Chew Report:** There were 11 attendees: 9 members and 2 guests.

### **News from the members:**

*Neal-* (KD0MBL) Worked M.A.R.S. Served as Net Control for Emergency Net.

*David (KY6YYY)* Served as VE volunteer. Have not been doing much. Just sitting around getting better looking. I just took over being the membership chairman.

*Dustin(N0DRC) -*Busy with school, Sky warn. Set up another radio in my truck.

**Kirk (KD0LDH)**- Nothing, looking for a good rig.

**Ed (NI5R)**- Worked the DX contest. I found it hard to compete with the high power stations in the contest.

**Bill (WA0KAQ)**- Worked the ARRL DX Contest; called the club's simplex net. Bill will start 50 years as a ham next month.

**Jane (KA0USA)** – Have been checking into the club's nets.

**Stan (KC0OYO)**- Working HF bands and monitoring Fun Machine. Worked an old friend of Jane's from Wickenburg, revamping his home station.

**Dan (N8OJW)**- Working hard on taking over as VHF Net Manager, scheduling Net Control stations. Worked some nets.

**Paul (KB0JIT)**- Worked the ARRL DX phone contest, Taught classes at the Connect Charter School. Worked the VEC session.

**Jim (NE0DA)**- Work a lot of contacts in the phone contest; got "Top Gun" award. Taught class at Connect Charter School.

**Roger (W0ROG)** - Served as Net Control for several sessions of PWARC VHR Repeater Net, Not much on ham radio. Had to replace my laptop so replaced it with a desktop. Joined the Canon City club. Got Press Releases, meeting announcements out. Joined the Canon City club.

**Bob (WD0FBW)**- Co-Webmaster for our Club web page, getting FTP (File Transfer Protocol) from Bill, looking for new web hosting site, possibly Go-Daddy.com. Will report back to members. I am still looking for a good radio.

**Tony (KD0OXO)** - Still learning the details of his new radio, on the air now, built cubic quad antenna.

**Roger (KB0DHN)**. - working on his vintage equipment, got antennas off the ground.

**Steve (KD0QCF)**- worked his wife on the radio, worked DX phone contest, got "Most Improved" Award, and tripled his contacts and points over last year's contest.

**Carrie KD0SOV)**- Made a DX contact working with KD0QCF.

**Terry (KB0BZO)**- Got back on the air after 20 years inactive. I am new to Pueblo.

### **Secretary's Report:**

Meeting notes are e-mailed to all members and prospects as soon as they are written and are posted on our website, beginning with the January 2013 meeting. We also have a copy of the minutes of last month's meeting at the sign-in table at each meeting for anyone who would like to go through it. If anyone has questions about the minutes, the Secretary will be happy to answer them and make corrections if needed. Motion made and passed to accept minutes.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Dan, NG0T, (absent, but submitted his report; ) As of March 8, 2013: \$3,256.00 in account, plus \$25.00 change fund. No expenses submitted or paid to vendors.

### **Ways & Means Report:**

Jane, (KA0USA)- A new in the box VHF/UHF/FM/Weather Channels Hand held donated to the Club by W0ROG will be sold with proceeds going to the club to support 2013 projects. Tickets will be \$1.00 each, \$5.00 for 10 tickets, sold at March and April Meetings, radio going to winning ticket at end of April 2013 meeting. As of the meeting \$52.00 taken in by members for the radio drawing.

**Report from Instructors:** (Paul, Jim) the classes are off to a good start. 1st session had 19 participants.

**Old Business:** Membership cards issued (and some mailed) to members for a term to 31 December, 2013. Member dues are now pro-rated for only the remaining months of 2013, as of 1 January, 2014 all dues will be renewed for the entire year of 2014 (\$15.00) Newly licensed students from the Connect Charter School will have their 2013 dues waived until 31 December, 2013 as incentive to join and participate in club activities.

**Special Recognition:** Two Certificates were given out by President Sipes (KB0JIT). Jim McConnell, (NE0DA) received "Top Gun" for high score in the recent ARRL DX-Phone category, and Steve Worley, (KD0QCF) received the award for "Most Improved Score" in this same contest. Congratulations!!

**New Business:** 1. Field Day questionnaire forms were passed out by Jim (NE0DA), in concern of Field Day (22-23 June, 2013). Please return these forms ASAP. Forms will be emailed to those members who did not receive one at the meeting.

2. Members were interested in conducting a Ham Fox (Transmitter) Hunt in May. A program on constructing a unidirectional Tape Measure antenna, with attenuators will be scheduled for the April meeting.

3. Motion was made by David (KY6YYY), seconded by Stan (KC0OYO), to renew the subscription of CQ Magazine to the Pueblo West Library. Motion carried.

4. Progress report on student classes at charter school was given by Paul (KB0JIT). There are 22 students, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, about 18 are expected to sit for their licenses in May, 2013

5. Advantages of using another web hosting site (professional, commercial, (Paid site) were presented by Web manager. Motion by Roger S (W0ROG), second from Ed (NI5R), for this to be tabled and discussed at the next meeting and vote taken then on changing to another web hosting site. Some of the advantages discussed were having a "Guest Book" feature and a "members only" features, as well as visitor tracking.

**Miscellaneous:** 1. Eleven members signed up to purchase a club ball cap (dark blue with name and call sign embroidered on front of hat). Price will be \$15.75 and Roger (W0ROG) will order the caps on the internet vendor site. Please pay Roger (W0ROG) at the next meeting so he can get them ordered.

### **Coming Events:**

**Each Tuesday – 7:00 p.m.** First session of the PWARC net on the Royal Gorge Ham Club repeater at Canon City (145.490 [-] PL103.5).

**Each Tuesday – 7:30 p.m.** Second session of the PWARC net, 146.445 MHz FM simplex. Alternate frequency, 146.430 FM simplex.

**Sat April 6, 2013 – 9:00 a.m.** Ragchew- Meet for coffee or breakfast (Dutch Treat) at Hen House Café, Palmer Lake and Joe Martinez Blvd.

**Sat April 13, 2013 – 12:00 p.m.** Testing session for new licenses or to upgrade. Held at Pueblo West Library at 298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd.

**Sat April 13, 2013 – 2:00 p.m.** Regular meeting of the Pueblo West Amateur Radio club held at the Pueblo West Library at 298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd.

**For other events, see the PWARC Calendar at [www.qsl.net/na0pw/Calendar.htm](http://www.qsl.net/na0pw/Calendar.htm)**

**Next month's Program(s):** Construction of antennas for Fox Hunting (Hidden Transmitter). Note no animals are expected to be killed or injured during this activity!

**Comments or questions before adjournment?** Door prize won by the very observant new member, Terry Glaze (KB0BZO). He read all his handouts and found the hidden passage!!

**Adjournment** Roger (W0ROG) moved, Dustin (N0DRC) seconded a motion to Adjourn, and motion passed.

**Program:** Video by ARRL, hosted by Walter Cronkite, on "The World of Ham Radio"