

PWARC Meeting July 13th, 2013

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

Members attending were: 10

Paul Sipes (KB0JIT) - President
Jim McConnell (NE0DA) – Vice-President
Roger Stasiak (W0ROG) – Secretary
Dan Broadbooks (NG0T)-Treasurer
Del Milne (KD0RRH)
David Yeater (KY6YYY)
Gary Maier
Ed Force (NI5R)
Dan Wantuck (N8OJW) - Net Manager
Bob Akins (WD0FBW) – Board Member

Guests: 2

Sarah Akins
Neal Tew (KB0MBL)

Excused:

Birthdays: None

New Members:

Newly Licensed Members: .Frank Dunn (KD0WEA)

Members renewing since last meeting:

Memberships expired in August: Dan Broadbooks, Jane Ewing, Ed Force, Bill Fortune, Andy Lloyd, Jim McConnell, Del Milne, Lori Miner, Paul Sipes.

ARRL Membership Report:

We now have 49 members; 48 are licensed. Of the 48 voting members, 15 hold Tech licenses, 14 have General licenses, 2 have advanced class licenses, and 16 have Extra class licenses. 27 belong to the ARRL. That gives us a 57 % ARRL Membership.

VE Session Report: One person took exam, passed (KD0WEA)

New ARRL Memberships or Renewals:

Rag Chew Report: There were 10 attendees: 8 members and 2 guests.

News from the members:

Dell (KD0RRH) – Worked at the 4th of July 5-kilometer race in Pueblo West.

Bill (WA0KAQ) – Was critically ill and in Hospice in Pueblo.

Jane (KA0USA) – Has been caring for Bill.

Jim (NEODA)- Worked 11 of original 13 colonies; Indonesia, New Guinea, IRU World Wide Championship, 50+ contacts at time of meeting.

Roger S. (W0ROG) – Just the usual club paperwork, served as VHF Net NCS several times.

Paul (KB0JIT) – Served as NCS for VHF Net, worked Field Day, 5 K Run, VE Session, working on old 6 meter antenna.

Dan (NG0T): Worked Field Day, WIAW early Sunday mornings.

Gary – Not licensed yet, but studying hard, bought Bill's vintage Yaesu FT-101-EE, enjoying the glow of real radio vacuum tubes!

Dan (N8OJW)- Worked "Vital Connection", National Exercise, did message traffic for MARS, worked his very first Field Day, also worked at radio coordination at 5-K Run on the 4th.

David (KY6YYY) - Checked in to the Ladies net, worked the VE Session.

Bob (WD0FBW) - Working QRP station now.

VHF Report: Dan Wantuck (N8OJW), Net Manager. Check- ins seem down from previous months, but discussions good. He still needs some net controllers for August.

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 by Steve, second by Jane and passed to accept minutes. Motion made by Del to accept minutes, second by Bob, Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Dan, (NG0T): Equipment Fund = \$500; Scholarship Fund = \$543.00; Total Funds = \$3,131.54 plus \$25.00 cash.

All vendors and expenses paid. \$58.00 check given to Secretary, W0ROG, to reimburse him for office supplies, printer paper and ink. Two Solar Panels purchased for total of

\$212.00. Motion to accept report made by Roger, seconded by Bob, motion passed.

Ways & Means Report:

None

Old Business:

Jim McConnell (NE0DA) gave an detailed report, with photographs and statistics concerning the 2013 Field Day event. 22 club members showed up to assist in this event, 147 CW QSOs recorded, 61 Digital contacts, 28 phone QSOs, 236 total QSOs, for 444 QSO points. The total totals with factoring and Bonus points approximately 3,000 points. The new Solar Panels worked great.

Jim also gave a detailed report on our participation in the PW 5-K run on the 4th. Dan recorded all transmission during the event, 6 members participated, some 632 runners/walkers were in the race. The club received a "Thank You" letter from the sponsor.

Paul reported that the club received a very generous donation of a 3500 watt generator from a club member.

Roger will handle the "Worked All Pueblo West, Co." certificate project. This will be provided to any Radio Operator that provided evidence of working at least 10 PWARC contacts, simplex, any band, any mode, and pays \$5.00 for the cost of the certificate.

New Business:

Dan led a discussion concerning the low member participation in the club's two VHF nets, and how to change this.

Neal discussed the coordination of local and District ARES. Jim mentioned the American Red Cross "Asset Readiness Instrument Form".

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.

Each Wednesday – 3:00 p.m. Ladies' net – 147.000 [+]. PL 100.

Sat August 3rd, 2013 – 9:00 a.m. Ragchew- Meet for coffee or breakfast (Dutch treat) at Hen House Café,
Palmer Lake and Joe Martinez Blvd.

1:00 PM- Memorial/Remembrance Gathering for Bill Ewing, WA0KAQ, the PWARC founder, who passed away after a lengthy illness. This is a Potluck event and will have live music.

Sat August 10th, 2013 – 12:00 a.m. – 2:00 PM Testing session for new licenses or to upgrade. Held at Pueblo
West Library at 298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd .Walk – ins welcome until 1:00 p.m.

Sat August 10th, 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.gsl.net/na0pw/

Next month's Program(s): TBA

Comments or questions before adjournment?

Adjournment Roger moved, Bob seconded a motion to Adjourn, and motion pass

Field Day Event Manager, Jim McConnell (NE0DA)

