

**Rocky Mountain Ham Radio Annual Meeting**  
**Saturday June 24, 2023**  
**Jefferson, CO**

**Present at the meeting:**

Amanda Alden	Alec Keller	Dean Mertz	Mark Skelton
JP Benjamin	Ashley Keller	Doug McAurchor	Scott Taylor
Jeff Carrier	Ava Keller	Kim McKenna	Stacey Taylor
Steve Cearley	Chris Keller	Paul Olson	Pasha Ujamawoottikvm
Veronica Crabb	Kaylee Keller	Glenn Reker	
Jim Dixon	Mike Langhenry	Jeff Ryan	
Mike Gurski	Dave Macorowski	Greg Pettis	
Wayne Heinen	Lexi Macorowski	Lisa Pettis	
Tristan Honscheid	John Maxwell	Willem Schreuder	
Kathy Houston	Andrea Mertz	Doug Sharp	

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John Maxwell called meeting to order 14:01 pm

**Treasurer's Report**

- We have money in our accounts
- In May, we reconciled the 2022 books
- We still have a lot of money left from the grant

**Old Business**

- Grant
  - Have currently spent approximately \$58,0000 out of the \$180,000
  - Appears to have enough microwave equipment that we can build out until the fall
  - Propose to move some money since we are not spending it as fast
    - Would like to put money into an interest bearing CD
      - Have approximately \$100k in checking
      - The term will be determined based on what we put in and also when the \$70,000 CD comes to terms
- Projects
  - Northeast
    - Brush, Ft. Morgan, Sterling and Akron.
    - Replace the flaky IP
  - South
    - West Creek to Cedarwood
    - John Maxwell has all the equipment already
    - Received permission to climb towers at Cheyenne Mountain

- Did have to put it under Triple C due to needing insurance.
- Have a mess at Almagre Mountain
  - Will use grant funds due to microwave endpoint
  - Have not been there in at least 5 years.
  - Power has been down approx. 15 times in the last month.
  - Extremely difficult to access

## **New Business**

- ARA has dissolved -
  - RMHam was contacted and asked if we would help support & keep the spirit going. Accepted provisions
  - 5 trustees that will keep 5 repeaters running for 5 years. Aka 555 Committee
    - 555 Committee will work with RMHam to keep the repeaters in working status.
      - Will have 5k in reserve funds to support them
        - If the 5k is depleted, the RM Ham board would need to approve to replenish or take over.
      - The conditions of the repeaters are fairly old.
        - Have asked to have the repeaters be brought up to CalCon & RMHam standards
    - At the end of the 5 years, we will mutually agree what will happen with the repeaters.
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  - We found a way to let ARA service continue without having the overhead & administration.
    - Club had 41 due paying members - Didn't have enough members & activities
  - ARA Members will not become RM Ham members
    - This was not a merger- ARA was dissolved.
  - Fundraisers
    - Annual Swap fest will be taken over by RMHam
    - Swap list is now a page on the RM Ham website and is emailed out under RM ham's email.
- Swap fest will be February 19, 2024
- RM Ham U
  - Will continue this year.
  - Will also continue to do hybrid (online & in person).
    - Cherry Creek School District is still allowing us to use their facilities
  - Scheduled Sessions
    - See website
  - Need topics - If you have things near & dear to your heart - Email Willem/John
    - Ham Shack confession session
  - There are a few tech talks lined up.
- Donations
  - Doug got a call from a public safety group that had 45 VHF mobiles available.
    - Received caches of brand new xp7550s handhelds
    - This will put us over 100 handles.
    - Condition of acceptance is that they be kept with the response vehicles.
- Colorado Connection

- Have 2 RM Ham members on their board.
  - We may propose that one group manages all the sites.
- Fun machine
  - CRA, Northern CO ARC. Enabling others to do good work
- HamCon
  - New Mexico
    - RMHam will be helping RM Div Convention Albuquerque Aug 12 & 13th
      - DCHF Couldn't find workers to do the convention
      - RMHam will do all the heavy lifting (registration, forums, etc)
      - Will be down there Thursday thru Sunday with the trailer
    - VLA tour 11th, 12th & 13th Convention
    - Have not held a convention in 4 years.
    - Logistics
      - Will be held at a high school
      - Hardest part is getting the venues & catering contacts.
      - Hotel blocks are still in the process
      - Will be around a 250 person convention vs the 500 person convention we are used to here in Colorado
    - ARRL league donated FT1000FP as the grand prize
    - ARRL CEO will be coming to work tables and giving talks.
  - Colorado
    - HamCon Colorado will be 2025.
  - The League is concerned that conventions are falling by the wayside.
- Email
  - Need to get an SMTP server (\$140 per year).
    - Email are being blocked
    - We use one account for calendar & admin based functions.
- Funding
  - Maybe look at creating a Budget Committee
  - Teams would work with the Budget Committee instead of having to have 14 people vote on \$100.
- General discussion was held for supporting EM for EADs county
- Community Events
  - Need to find new events to support since Dirty Thirty & Rally is no longer
  - Maybe think of taking the next 2 years off so we can finish building out our back bone
  - RMHam's primary agency served is State of Colorado Auxiliary Communications (AuxComm)

## **Board positions**

- New Position
  - Director Site Civils & Safety - Mike Langhery
    - focused on sites, tower insulation, safety
    - Merging the previous Director of Safety into this position.
  - Director of Coordination & leases - Mike Gurski
    - Site leases, frequency coordinations
      - Rent, road maintenance
    - 45 coordinations

- Unanimously approved both re-elect individuals in current positions and the new director positions.

Next meeting will be held at the 2024 Field day location

Meeting adjourned at 17:00