

**MARC Meeting
November 21, 2014**

Officers Present: Mary, Ken, Chris, Jeff

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Mary

Welcomed Richard Purdy, James Graves, Dave Coombs.

Minutes from the October meeting were approved by Bill, 2nd by Steve and approved by voice vote by all.

Treasurer report was approved by Lew, 2nd by Jim and approved by voice vote by all.

Lloyd passed away in the last month, Royce has a card to pass around to sign.

ARES and Delta County Auxiliary Communications

Operation Polar Express update was provided by Steve KIOKY and Lew KCOUER. Talked about how messages were passed between Montrose and Delta Counties and then relayed to the State. Both voice and digital messages were passed between the stations.

VE Testing – Steve KOSX would like someone to take the lead on the VE Testing and coordinating with the ARRL. Please talk with Steve if interested. Several new hams have taken and passed both Tech and General tests.

Field Day Results – Royce discussed the field day results from the December issue of QST and MARC tied for 57th place nationwide. MARC took 2nd in Colorado.

Repeater on Raspberry – Jeff talked about the new repeater on Raspberry on 146.910- 107.2HZ tone. Early testing shows the repeater working just outside of Moab and through Norwood, Nucla, Naturita.

The SKYWARN event will take place on Dec 5 at National Weather Service in Grand Junction and begins on the air at 5:00 PM until 5:00 PM on Saturday.

The MARC Christmas party will be on December 7 in Delta

Dick discussed the current inventory of coax and connectors. It was suggested to purchase a 500' spool of LMR240 and restock silver-teflon PL-259 and barrel connectors. It was motioned by Bill, 2nd by Dave and approved by voice vote by all.

Steve discussed the need to purchase new batteries and install solar on the club trailer. Several options were discussed for solar and battery options. The trailer committee will review options and report back.

Nomination committee for 2015 was formed with Ken, Lew, and Steve (KIOKY).

Lew was contacted by Charles Johnson from Montrose who is in the process of forming a 200-mile race over a 4 day period. The race will take place in the area of Taylor Reservoir. The club decided this race would be too much to support with the Hard Rock and the Grand Mesa Hundred commitments.

Steve motioned to close the meeting, 2nd by Bill and approved by all.