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July 18th, 2014
Rotary Park – Montrose CO

The meeting was called to order by Mary Barclay at 18:15. Mary thanked the membership for coming to the park, recognized Bob Schaefer and his wife who were in attendance, and also mentioned that the meeting would be relatively short. K2PJ volunteered to record the meeting minutes in the secretary's absence.

Chris DePuy provided the Treasurer's report. Chris reported that the club's Tail Gate event provided a little profit – but noted that the coax sale was good. Chris also reported the following Treasurer's information as of the end of June:

\$176.00 Tail Gate event expenses
\$200.00 Deposits
\$277.15 Checking Account balance
\$6984.68 Savings Account balance.

Note: \$85.00 expenses associated with tonight's Rotary Park meeting will be reflected in the July Treasurer's report.

Chris Depuy also reviewed the results of the Hardrock100. 140 runners started the race and there were 100 finishers. There were no Search and Rescue dispatches to locate missing runners, thus making for a successful event. The voice repeaters used during the race performed well in spite of the overcast conditions (solar powered).

Ten out of the 13 Aid Stations reported runner statistics via packet radio, which lowered the usage of the voice repeaters, and thus allowed for more FM voice up time.

Chris thanked all who participated again this year, and announced that he had 5, 10 and 15 year anniversary pins for members who celebrated these anniversaries. As Chris was wrapping up his review, a member mentioned that there was an indirect, non-fatal lightning strike to a participant. A MARC member mentioned that National Geographic and the local news covered the HR100 as well. Several years ago, ARRL wrote an article which appears in QST magazine – the article recognized the amateur radio in the event.

Ken Herrick reported on MARC meeting program items, and pointed out that the July meeting was going to be a review of VHF yagi antenna building. Tom K2PJ will demo a home made Geiger counter at the August meeting.

Royce Seymour gave a Field Day report and mentioned that the ARRL Assistant Section Emergency Coordinator visited the MARC Field Day site, and that thanks to Lew French,

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several county politicians and appointees visited the site (approximately 20 visitors). The layout of the Field Day site may be a little different next year – particularly the GOTA station location, and other changes in an attempt to minimize interference / signal overload to adjacent operating positions. Royce mentioned that the club had about 1400 contacts, and recognized Jim's ISS contact (applause). Jim mentioned that he accomplished the contact with 1W of RF into his VHF/UHF crossed yagi (applause). There was another comment that the BBQ sauce didn't make it to the site.... In closing, Royce thanked all who participated this year !

Steve gave an overview of the upcoming Grand Mesa 100 event. NOTE: earlier, Mary passed out the GM100 communications plan. The UHF linked, dual cross band VHF repeater will be used again this year. Frequencies are mentioned in the communications plan. Steve recommended that all participants stop by race HQ first for race information, and that the aid station captains should make runner related decisions. Steve also recommended that everyone 'take notes'.

New Business: KD0EBZ (Dick) asked if club members were interested in supporting the Epic in Grand Junction July 29, 30 and 31. Please contact Dick for details.

VE Team reported that the next VE session is scheduled for the 2nd weekend in Oct., unless an earlier session is needed. The Technician class question pool has changed, and that the General class pool has not changed.

Mary thanked everyone again for coming to the Rotary Park meeting, and suggested that it become an annual MARC event. Bob Schaeffer expressed his and Connie's gratitude to MARC for arranging the meeting and that it was good to see and hear everyone again.

With no further business, a motion to close the meeting was made by Steve Schroeder and seconded by Bill Bear. Mary closed the meeting at 19:05.

K2PJ (for the secretary).

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