

## September 2014 Minutes

Present:

Bruce Walker KE7SJZ President  
Wayd Walker WA7YD Vice President  
Eric Anderson KF7OLR Treasurer  
Falicia Anderson KF7TAH Secretary  
Rich Michau W7AMT  
Jim Hall AA8Y  
Don Godward N7FLT  
Larry Springer K6PJ  
Jerry Gregoire KD7WLX  
Ralph Bergantine KC7PFH  
Harley Leach KI7XF  
Jack Myers N7ODN  
Troy Lanes AF7HG  
Kevin Billington KF7TAI  
Jerry McDonald W7FVB  
Ric Helvey KB7KB  
Don Regli KI7OJ  
Dave Ford KE7CAP  
Fred Cady KE7X  
J.P. Pendleton  
Ray S. Babcock AD7RB  
Pat Sands AE7NZ  
Don Wilson KC7EWZ  
Todd Gahagan WA7U  
Ted Hundtoft KA7QCY

Bruce Walker KE7SJZ called the meeting to order @ 7:00 PM. Followed by introductions

### **Old Business:**

**Minutes** approved and accepted by Rich Michau W7AMT, seconded by ?

**Treasurer's report:** Eric Anderson KF7OLR Treasurer; deposit of \$55.00. \$32.60 was spent for field day. (More field day expenses to come) Ending balance \$797.39

**Testing:** There is a test this Saturday. Eight people tested at field day. One person took technician/general. One person upgraded to General, and six took the technician. All passed.

**ERA:** Board met in July. Notes were passed out. Here's a brief summary:

- Applied and received call sign
- Discussed repeaters and echo link
- Buck ridge permit; have heard nothing back
- Can access the repeater with permission from the district ranger

**SAR:** Very busy. There have been about three to four events weekly. There were two events in one day. We've had about seventeen events in a thirty one day period

**School Club:** Starting again in October. There was a major water leak over the radio cabinet; damage still has to be assessed

**88 Net:** Going good. There is a net control operator for every week now. People are checking in weekly

**Foxhunt:** The fox has taken the summer off. It may wake up in November

**HF:** Quiet

**GHRC 2014 EVENTS** Overview:

- 100 year AARL Anniversary update; June was MT week. There were around thirty operators from the state. Over forty one thousand contacts were made around the world. Only a few states made more contacts than MT. MT is up again in December (week of the 10<sup>th</sup> -possibly)
- Ham Fest-Received a response from the armory one week ago, not enough time. GHRC will try to hold one next year.
- Club Picnic-Everyone had a great time! Thank you to Don Wilson KC7EWZ for the preparation of the food, set up and the cooking. Thank you to Bruce Walker KE7SJZ for hosting
- Field Day-Went well. About seven hundred to eight hundred contacts
- Blazing Saddles-Went Well, Good time. The hams won two thirds of the appreciation prizes
- GC Fair-Went well, no real incidents, except one broken wrist
- Hyalite Triathlon- No information
- Bridger Ridge Run-Went well, no emergencies, good coms.
- MS- Eight hams came from Seattle. There was a lack of interest from the local hams. Need more volunteers next year if the ride is to stay in MT
- Mystery Ranch Race- Volunteers came from Butte. Three participants were lost. Trail markers were vandalized
- Tour De Cure-Upcoming event. Waivers were passed out to be signed and preliminary schedule was sent out via email to volunteers
- Belgrade Fall Fest-Upcoming event. No information

#### **New Business:**

- Communications trailer-Currently the county fire has a twenty four foot communications trailer that they have offered to the GHRC to use. The county would maintain ownership of the trailer. There are plans to pull it to a meeting so everyone can take a look at it. There will be future club discussions on this subject. The GHRC will vote if they want to take on this responsibly or not at a later club meeting.
  - One major question is; is there the right, if in use, to pull the trailer form the party that is using it for the other party's event?

#### **Announcements:**

- There is a Civil Air Patrol airport drill, October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Gallatin Valley Airport. Volunteers are needed at both the airport and the hospital. The drill is a real life scenario of a major disaster. The drill should be over before noon. Lunch may be provided, it usually is
- Larry Springer K6PJ, MSU Activities
  - Eighteen members are signed up to take class, many are unlicensed
  - Tower is ready to go up within the next month
  - Two satellites are ready to go to NASA for launch on Dec 15<sup>th</sup>-presentation on that at a later time
  - An extra class was held-three will be taking the test on Saturday
- Update on Norm and Renee; They are back home

**Presentation:** Thanks to Wayd Walker WA7YD for a raspberry pie show and tell

#### **Remaining GHRC 2014 EVENTS Schedule**

- September 13, 2014 Tour DeCure-Jerry Gregoire KD7WLX
- September 19-20, 2014 Belgrade Fall Fest – Laura KT9X & Dave Svare N9DRS
- ~~September 27, Ham Fest/No Ham Fest this year~~
- October 11, Airport Drill

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM by Bruce Walker KE7SJZ

Respectfully submitted,  
Falicia Anderson KF7TAH

