



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION OF BLOOMINGTON**

07 APRIL 2009

The Amateur Radio Association of Bloomington (A.R.A.B.) held a regularly scheduled business meeting and informational program on April 7, 2009 at the Bloomington Civic Plaza, Haeg Conference Room. In attendance were the following club members and guests:

Club Officers

Cully Kowal – KS0D, President
Kris Pierson – K0KMP, Secretary

*Club Members and Guests**

Gerry Tietz – N0AXT
Bruce Barnes – KD0EYZ
John Frazier – W1000
Dave Fisk – N0MK
Wayne Snyder – KC0ZJB
Adam Estrem – W0EHZ
Bob Schwartz – KT0T
Ken Larabee – W0AP
Bob Brashear – KD0ANN
LeRoy Weibel – WB0WIN
Elmer Youmans – W0HSJ

Steve Hurvitz – KD0BGO
Sue Megrund – KC0UPA*
Bill Marks – KD0GGX*
Linda Jacobson – KC0IJB
Dale Morgan – KC0TAP
Chris Vatsaas – KB0JTN
Steve Levens – AB0YQ
Theresa Kleinhans – KD0ANS
Andrew Diepstraten – KD0DCC
Luke Diepstraten – N0WDO
Cmdr Dave Olmstead, BPD*
Cmdr Paul McCullough, BPD*

Summary of Business

Officers' Reports

President Kowal called the meeting to order at 1930. Everyone present for the meeting introduced themselves.

Bob Schwartz (KT0T) moved that in the interest of time, all Officers' Reports and New Business would be tabled. Seconded by Bruce Barnes (KD0EYZ). Passed unanimously.

Affiliate Organizations Reports

Metro SKYWARN (MSW)

The Bloomington Communications Group sponsored SKYWARN class was well attended on April 4th. Nearly 80 people were in attendance, mainly hams looking to re-certify. Younger participants were treated to a tour of trucks and equipment in the fire station by a member of BFD. There are still several SKYWARN classes scheduled through early June. Check www.metrokywarn.org for details.

Bloomington Communications Group (BCG)

BCG has been working on two new fronts – infrastructure and organization. Infrastructure-wise, work has begun on improving power back-up and distribution in the WC0AAA radio room. Organization-wise, a subcommittee has been working on refining BCG's by-laws, and there is a project underway to construct a standard operating procedures manual for BCG. The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 23rd, 1915 in the Haeg Room. The meeting coincides with Severe Weather Awareness Week, and there will be SKYWARN net control training/drill at 1800.

Old Business

2009 Field Day

Bob Brashear (KD0ANN) will be taking the lead again. We are looking for ideas of locations and we started talking about options. There are some options for locations – we need to remember that if we are in a park, we'll need to plan for public relations – brochures and operators to answer questions. Bob would like to have planning done by the end of May. He added that he will possibly be calling/emailing members of the club this month to get things rolling.

Other Updates and Bulletins

Dale Morgan (KC0TAP) passed on an announcement from ms-scram, the group which provides communications support for the MS Society bike tours across Minnesota. They are looking for ham radio volunteers for the 2009 season of tours. The first is May 9th (the Twin Cities Ride). The MS150 is scheduled for June 13-14, and the MS TRAM is July 30-31. If you are interested in volunteering, please visit www.ms-scram.org for details.

A.R.A.B. Net Control Schedule

April 19 – AB0YQ

April 26 – K0KMP

May 3 - KT0T

Adjournment

President Kowal adjourned the business portion of the meeting at 1940

Program

The program was a presentation from B.P.D Commanders Paul McCullough and Dave Olmstead on the B.P.D.'s role in the 2008 RNC Security Force.

Next Meeting

The next A.R.A.B. meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 5th, 1930 CDT, Bloomington Civic Plaza, Haeg Room. The program will be a presentation from Grant Kesselring (K1KD) of the Desecheo Island DXPedition.**

As a reminder A.R.A.B. holds its weekly net on the KD0CL repeater (147.09, PL100.0) every Sunday night at 2100 CST. Open to all.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

Kristofer M. Pierson, Secretary (K0KMP)

*Corrections, roster updates, or membership inquiries can be forwarded to the Club Secretary, K0KMP, via email:
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