

Butte County Amateur Radio System
Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2017

Meeting Start: 1858 with approximately 9 people in attendance

Officer Comments

- ARES Emergency Coordinator Comments – Dale Anderson
 - Wildflower Event

Mike Kaliczak from the Sheriff's Comm Reserve filled everyone in on the Wildflower event details and invited people to see / ride the Support And Gear (SAG) Wagon and to come to Com2 when finished with assignment.

Mike Kalczak also indicated that there will be a LOCO challenge event on June 3 that starts at 0600 and ends after dark; he is looking for volunteer support and can use help.

Mike Kaliczak also indicated that NVADG just received some radio equipment and could use help from amateur operators to get things set up and to do some training.
 - Pioneer Day Parade

There was also much discussion the Pioneer Day Parade event. Details including meeting time and location as well as frequencies to use during the event along with a "volunteer cheat sheet" with tips for volunteers to use during events. It was mentioned that use of standard ICS forms is ideal.

ARES is not involved in the Paradise Parade event.
 - Deployment Form

Dale also briefly went through the Deployment Form which is posted on the web site. Others commented on the need for training on the Deployment Form.
- Acting Secretary – Grant Hunsicker
 - Minutes approved with one comment that perhaps the last paragraph of the March meeting minutes is misleading by making people think the net is shifting to the "085" repeater instead of staying with the "290" repeater.
 - Website Comments

A brief discussion of the website was held and it appears that it is currently providing the necessary information and no major changes were requested.

Presentation

- Grant Hunsicker provided a training on the Incident Command Structure (ICS) including management and general staff responsibilities along with training responsibilities of the Comm Unit Leader position.

Old Business

- Activation of ARES
This topic was discussed in some detail. The County Logistics section, communication unit, Office of Emergency Management and the Sheriff's Comm reserve are meeting on May8, to finalize who / how ARES will be dispatched from the County. More to follow and balance tabled.
- Forms Binders
A request was made to make binders for ARES members to contain the forms that may be needed during deployment. The Forms are all on the website and binders are being worked on.
- Training
Most continued to state that training is the main thing we need and that any additional training relative to being deployed is the next area to focus on.

New Business

- Certification Process
A DRAFT of a Certification checklist was discussed and generally received good comments. The form can be filled out by the volunteer and signed off as needed and then submitted to the County for the issuance of a volunteer card.
- Meeting Night
The desire by some members to move the meeting from Friday night was discussed and the suggestion will be evaluated.