

Butte County Amateur Radio Emergency Service  
Minutes  
August 15, 2017

Meeting Start Time: 1900 Hours

There were 8 members, 1 guest from the Sheriff's Communication Reserve, and two guests from the Red Cross.

Officer Comments

- ARES Emergency Coordinator – Dale Anderson
  - Introduction of the Red Cross Guests
- Acting Secretary – Grant Hunsicker
  - Minutes from June were approved

Old Business

- Member Page on Website  
Grant to Call Rick to discuss
- Status of Simulated Event  
This will be tabled until after the Great Shakeout Event

New Business

- Training Plans  
There was some discussion regarding availability of training in Chico, but the overall topic was tabled to leave more time for the Red Cross presentation.
- Red Cross  
Very comprehensive in terms of describing what Red Cross does, what they need from ARES and how to work together. This led to a good discussion of digital radio communications.
- Planning for the Great Shakeout 2017  
Ted made a few brief comments to reassure people that there is time to prepare and that people can learn to transmit digital radio communications and they don't have to have all of the background on how to set that up. The intent is to cover much of this in the September meeting and to have digital communications up and working by the Great Shakeout.
- Future of ARES beyond 2013 and into digital  
This was a typo and should have been "2017". This topic was covered during the Red Cross presentation.