

Sweetwater Amateur Radio Club
Monthly Meeting Minutes – February 11, 2025



Prepared by:

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Persons Present:

Joan Bruderer, KD7EMQ; Ron Bruderer, N7ERH; Mike Hill, N7PQ; Ryan Rumph, KK7VJM; Huie Hazelett, KF7CJE; John Aaron, KE7GPK; Lois Ramirez; Johnny Ramirez, N7ABC; Jesse Moreno; Bob Spain, WB2RVE; Colette Spain, KK7YYS; Doris Haskell, KB7HEQ

18:37 – Meeting called to Order

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve amended agenda by Ryan Rumph, Huie Hazelett seconds motion.

Motion passes

Treasurers Report:

Tabled

Old Business:

Tabled

Deferred Items:

None

New Business:

Discussion on SARC involvement with Emergency Management

- Back in 2024, EM attended a SARC meeting, both of these individuals have since retired from the Sherrif's Office and are no longer with Emergency Management
- In this meeting, EM requested that a few items needed to be accomplished
- Doris:
 - o Is interested in working with Emergency Management
- Lois:
 - o Maybe it's time for us to not be with them anymore. Thinks we used to have a better relationship with them in a way, things worked in a way, but things kind of deteriorated. Feels like the they owned us to do their bidding. We are a club

and not a finger of emergency management Indicates that we should not be with them any longer

- Johnny:
 - o Feels the same way as Lois
- Bob:
 - o Only concern is that if we don't work with them, and the county owns the repeaters on Aspen Mountain. Unless we are able to locate another spot for these, we will then default back to the 444.500 (Johnny's Repeater). Until weather improves then as can get the .67 repeater back up and going. If we would loose access to both repeaters immediately then I am in favor in working with them. Otherwise we can do a little dance until we can be independent.
 - o The county appears to want and want and want, and haven't been too friendly towards us
- Collette:
 - o In agreement with Bob.
- Ryan:
 - o I am new, so I don't know too much about this. Can't really give too much of an opinion one way or another just yet. Though have enjoyed the events that have been able to be apart of so far.
- Ron:
 - o Jack Zimmerman in 1982 reached out to Ron, they needed somebody to run the RACES organization. The County has to have a RACES organization, or they don't get funded on part of Emergency Management. Ron took that position, that has always been a separate entity from the club, but we have worked together. The one repeater was having issues, Ron asked Jack to buy a new repeater and they did purchase a new one. Would like to continue with Emergency, but there always has been and always will be a conflict between the club and RACES. The only way that RACES can be run is to have them have their own meetings. Up until recently there was no requirements, however since Emily with Emergency Management and Lt. Hall, we had to have so much exercises and paperwork. Thinks that we are needed, and would like to be part of Emergency Management as a RACES Group.
- Joan:
 - o Believes that the Sheriff's office is taking over everything and the club does not have a say to be able to do anything. We used to be able to go out and park cars out there and be involved in the community. The Sheriff's office doesn't appears to allow this anymore. Ron does have a point where we may need RACES at some point, and the club being involved could be a good thing.
- Mike:

- Strong believer in ARRL principles, in the event of an emergency will be there and do what he can to help in the situation. Not comfortable with how Emergency Management is handling things. This does go back to 2023.
- John:
 - Emergency Management should be an arm of the club and should not be the entire club. With the county owning the repeaters and paying for them, they have the right to ask for cooperation to know what we are doing with it. When he got into the club, it was never illustrated what RACES is. It is on the net that we are trying to improve ARES and RACES Communications. Still feels that the club should be able to run itself separate from Emergency Management.
- Huie:
 - Was not thrilled with the meeting back in 2023, and that was mostly the time restraints. Folks here don't have the extra time to put in for what all they wanted. We like to use the .94 Repeater, so we would have to come up with something different. Doesn't mind supporting the county, but with the work required can't support that. They are asking too much of a small group of volunteers.
 - County Requests - Regular Meetings, Trainings, Help with County Fair, National Finals Rodeo, work with CERT, and some other stuff.
- Zach:
 - That particular meeting, could have been handled different, but it is in the past, and nothing can be done to change it. The requirements that I obtained from this, was that we needed to have a meeting, that meeting needed organized with an agenda and other supporting documentation. Also from time to time, have some type of events that would help further our cause. They also presented other opportunities for volunteerism should anyone want to participate more.
 - With these requirements, I didn't think that it was over and beyond. Since been elected to the role of president, agendas have been present at every meeting. There hasn't been meetings without minutes present either. These haven't taken any additional time from any member outside of the club officers.
 - It appears that the biggest concern that has come forward is the requirements from the county to maintain documentation, minutes, agenda, and a list of events.
 - Lois – They required CERT involvement
 - Zach – I don't think it was required
 - Lois – But they did heavily strongly encourage it
 - Zach – Has there been any repercussions of not having it yet?
 - Lois – Not that I have seen.
- Jesse Moreno, Emergency Management:
 - Been with Emergency Management for about five months. Not sure what happened in 2023. Comes to the meetings to learn new things. Has been sort

of working towards getting his Amateur Radio License. Will work with SARC if we work with him. Let's work together since especially during an emergency we have to work together. Zach has already been providing things that I need. I do try to make it out to your meetings since I can learn so much from these.

- The exercise not too long ago, I was in the EOC and borrowed a radio, and was able to sort of listen in as the event unfolded. Couldn't hear anyone in the EOC, so that is an area in which we can improve. Steven was able to be heard, but he was on the hill behind the EOC, and using 100 watts.
- What is the requirements:
 - Agendas are typically going to be requires. Just the documentation that you are already doing.
 - Know your capabilities, and how can you be utilized
 - If you are planning an exercise, wants to be apart of it, if nothing more than to learn
- Requirements Confirmation:
 - Agenda, Minutes
 - 2-Meter Net Roster/Participation
 - Tentative Schedule for the year
 - After Action Reports (AAR)
- Club vote on working with the county:
 - Majority voted to continue to work with Emergency Management.
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Event Planning

Huie makes motion to table the Event Planning Topic until next meeting. Motion seconded by Doris, Majority approved.

Round Table:

Tabled

Upcoming Events:

February 13, 2025 - 6:30pm– CERT Meeting – Justice Center

February 15, 2025 – 4-8pm –

Emergency Preparedness Fair – Community Preparedness Fair
2055 Edgar Street – Rock Springs, Wyoming

Next meeting:

March 11, 2025 - 6:30pm Mountain Time

Sweetwater County Justice Center

50140 US Highway 191 South

Rock Springs, WY 82901

Adjournment – 17:43

Motion to adjourn by Lois, Second by Ryan

Motion passed