

Hermosa II Meeting Minutes

WB6GHA's Hermosa II meeting notes

The Hermosa II Black Hills area ARES meeting was held on 22 May 2005 at the Hermosa Volunteer Fire Department.

Introductions

EC Reports –

Pennington County - Chuck N0UKO reported on the upcoming Pennington County emergency exercise scheduled for June 4th in and around the greater Rapid City area. This exercise will be centered at the Rapid City airport, and the Rapid City Regional Hospital. All amateurs are to report to the Rapid Valley Volunteer fire house prior to the exercise to receive assignments. Primary repeater will be the KB0BUT 147.240 (output) 147.840 (input) with the W0BLK 146.94 repeater as secondary. Chuck further reports that our response and activities will be under the microscope for this event, and the outcome will determine future involvement in Pennington County events. There will be no attempt to operate any packet radio facilities.

Meade County – Gene N0MHJ has nothing to add regarding Meade County.

Lawrence County – John reports that an equipment survey was done at the Lawrence County EOC and the Kenwood two meter radio was found to be defective. The county Emergency Manager is trying to find radio replacement funding. The HF antenna needs to be verified, and a work party will be formed to do the work necessary. The Coty of Lead EOC is fully operational.

Butte County – Jerry KG0GG reports that efforts are underway to establish a Butte County EOC now that the need has been identified.

Custer County (Chuck reporting for Karen N0DUW) – Karen reports that communications needs are being evaluated by the Custer County Emergency Manager.

Fall River – Phil KA0FUI reports that an EOC will be established at the courthouse. Phil will also report on Shannon County as and when he hears things that will be of interest.

Action Item review from Hermosa I meeting –

AI-01 – Jerry KG0GG states that a Power Point presentation is available and will be delivered.

AI-02 – Gene N0MHJ will solicit people who are interested or knowledgeable. Gene suggests that the tentative August 31st date might be too soon and recommends that the August date be pushed out.

AI-03 – Recommendation that item be dropped.

AI-04 – Gene N0MHJ makes presentation today and recommends that item be closed.

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AI-05 – Recommendation that this item be carried as “On-going”

AI-06 – Scott WA0VKC and Lee K0LGB and working this item – Two candidate units have been identified for possible repair, and both have clear title as “club property”

AI-07 – Chuck N0UKO has created the Western South Dakota Emergency Weather Net which is flourishing. The SD State Link is still out of service at Reliance.

AI-08 – Dave N0GMP recommends establishing an EOC-to-EOC net

AI-10 – Jack K0STF has volunteered the occasional use of his motor home. Gene suggests that we keep an eye out for suitable mobile home trailers that are for sale, or could be donated.

AI-11 – Roundtable discussion about building “communication plans” for each club house, and making them ready to serve as a communication hub if and when needed. Norb KF0XO will assist the BHARC in getting instruction manuals for the BHARC club station.

Norb also offers the use of a Coleman generator.

Side discussion – BHARC DF experiment went well. Olson/Peterson will build and install an additional HF antenna at the BHARC club house.

Recommend carrying the item forward.

AI-12 –

AI-13 – The ID card data is being gathered. The source of “free” ID cards is drying up and we need to reimburse Charles KC0TKO for materials. This Item needs to be carried forward.

AI-14 – Completed and closed.

AI-15 - Completed and closed.

AI-16 - Completed and closed.

AI-17 – Dave N0GMP will do the training. The frequency for ELT practice is 121.775 MHz and the real ELT tracking frequency is 121.500 MHz. There is also a second harmonic of the crash beacon on 223.000 MHz. Carry forward as an open item.

Side discussion – Jack K0STL displayed a tracking antenna that he used with success. More information can be had at <http://www.rainbowkits.com>. Jack also stated that Pennington County as been exploring a “people tracker” for individuals. This service will operate in the 216/217 MHz range.

AI-18 –

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AI-19 – WSDEN is up and going strong. Chuck N0UKO strongly suggests that additional NCS stations are needed for vacation/other commitment relief. Chuck will be happy to send the needed material (NCS text, logging sheets, etc) via e-mail to interested parties.

People requesting the material were Lou KC0RTW, Gene N0MHJ, Doug W0WSP, and Dave N0GMP and Joyce KB0WCE.

AI-20 – John WB6GHA stated that a Power Point presentation on the Anderson Power Pole connectors is available, and he will make it available either by e-mail, or on CD to anyone who asks for it.

AI-21 – Met today.

AI-22 – Closed.

Group Photos.

Additional notes –

ARES sign-up forms should be made available to all. Chuck N0UKO asks that legible e-mail addresses be included.

The Public Service Event calendar was reviewed and some changes to the group/person in charge were noted. Revised copies are to be loaded to the BHARC and NHARC and SD SEC web pages.

Gene N0MHJ and Dave N0GMP will meet separately to discuss packet radio issues.

Jerry KG0GG asks that the next person to visit the BHARC club house verify that the SDBOX packet node is still plugged in. It is not responding.

Jerry KG0GG mentions that reimbursement for the ARRL EC-series of classes looks as if it will no longer be available after August of this year.

Gene N0MHJ presented an ICS overview with emphasis on the position of communications.

Scott WA0VKC then did an overview on the expectations of the October SET, and participation by each of the Hills groups. NWS is one of our primary customers for amateur communications. The exercise shouldn't take longer than an hour or two.

Break-away sessions by counties to hone their participation.

Break-away session reports –

Pennington/BHARC – Plane crash with CAP assist will be most likely.

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Norb KF0XO and Ben KB9LFZ will get the ball rolling to make the BHARC club house ready to be used as a “command center”.

Lawrence County/NHARC – Icy roads and/or a highway Haz Mat exercise are the most likely.

Butte/Meade Counties – Tornado event with contact to Rapid City NWS. Joint exercise between the two counties will be most beneficial.

Custer/Fall River/Shannon – Plane crash and Haz Mat are best candidates.

Phil KA0FUI suggests that we try to establish an “inter-EOC” net to see who can talk to who on HF.

Other items –

HSARC is looking for a 12 VDC winch of modest proportions. Contact Phil or Tim K0OR.

Additional action items – Procure more ICS Form 213’s and distribute widely. Possibly scan or copy into MS Word format for our use and practice.

All emergency or drill communications, as far as possible, should be confirmed in writing, either on an ARRL Radiogram (or similar format/content) or ICS Form 213.

Safety vests are available from Rushmore Safety Supply. Possible group order?

Meade County has asked for help in Rally Week.

Scott WA0VKC asked for ARRL EC-001 graduates. Carroll K0RXC has completed the course but was not present at the meeting.

Gene N0MHJ suggests that we practice sending and receiving traffic on the local VHF nets in the week preceding Field Day (June 25/26).

Gene suggested that stations who are running on backup power/emergency power so state when checking into the evening nets. Chuck N0UKO will adjust the NCS net preamble to reflect this.

Gene wants more trials with the NVIS antennas, and needs to publish a test date schedule for all interested parties.

Next Hermosa meeting “Hermosa III) on July 24th at 1300 hours.