

Hermosa IV Minutes

28 August 2005

1. The 4th meeting of the Black Hills Area ARES Planning Group was held on 28 August 2005 at the Hermosa Volunteer Fire Department. In attendance were:

Dwight Scholl	Don Jarvinen	Doug Aldrich
Phil Knapp	Gene McPherson	Karen Kruse
Jerry Hawley	Dave Jeffries	Joyce Jeffries
Scott Rausch	Lew McDowell	John Burch
Chuck Palmer		

2. Introductions were made around the table, the agenda reviewed (handout) and handouts were distributed.

3. Each county gave a brief report of its recent activities:

Chuck (Pennington Co) - The weather nets are running great. Jack KOSTF has a meeting scheduled with Randy Smith, Emergency Coordinator. Scott attended the last Pierre ARC meeting, and those guys are very energized.

Gene (Meade Co) - Nothing of great significance has to be reported, but progress continues.

John (Lawrence CO) - same as above.

Jerry (Butte Co) - same as above.

Karen (Custer Co) - same as above.

Phil (Fall River Co) - Same as above, but he and Butch are seeking a follow-up meeting with Custer Co Emergency Management soon.

4. The minutes of the Hermosa III meeting were reviewed (handout) with no major changes noted.

5. Action Item Review - Open items
 - AI-02 Gene is making progress, but not sure it can be pulled together before the SET exercise.
 - AO-07 WSDEN is up and running great, with Chuck as Net Manager. State Link folks are discussing informal nets that would be of interest to state-wide audience. Change responsibility to Jerry KG0GG.
 - AI-09 Gene wants to get the EOC-to-EOC nets going. John and Phil to start on this between Fall River and Lawrence on 09/01 with HF tests. Gene suggests that these nets of tests ought to be run at least quarterly with the purpose to make sure that all of the gear is mission ready.
 - AI-17 Dave to procure the ELT test box and have it ready to test with a DF team during the SET at the BHARC club house.
 - AI-18 Frank completed this item at NHARC meeting, and is scheduled to make presentation at BHARC meeting (in October?).

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AI-20 Ongoing, PowerPole demos done in NHARC and BHARC, other standards need to be explored.

AI-23 Chuck did some exploration, and the results were very expensive. This item needs continued work.

AI-24 Discussion about BHARC (Cathy KC0GWU) Bank-rolling the Rainbow DF kit order, and then collecting from each purchaser as was done recently with the PSK31 kits.

6. The Public Service Events for this season were reviewed:
 - September 3 - Dwight reports that the Southern Hills Triathlon is still on, but the route has been changed to afford more protection for the bike riders. He still needs more comms volunteers.
 - 1880 Train - Karen reports that all looks to be "on track" at this point. [Poor pun by the scribe!]
 - SD MS100 - Gene still needs more people. The route will probably be from RC to Hill City and back instead of the Badlands as originally reported.
7. The RC Weather Office will kick off a new club on Tuesday 08/30/2005. Lots of energy around this activity.
8. APRS - Much discussion about PARS, packet, and the strategic fit with the ARES mission. More work needed.
9. Gene will convene the Packet/APRS technical committee to sort this all out, and make recommendations for both the EOC/clubhouses, and the users.
10. Equipment and siting of same - we should strongly discourage the long term loan of either equipment or sites for our ARES mission. Private ownership leads to many problems.
11. Emergency Power Drill - QST has an article suggesting an emergency power drill for September 17/18.
12. HF Frequencies were reviewed for emergency usage (and for SET): 3865 3875 7235 7240
13. SET assignments were reviewed by county (handout):
 - Pennington Co:
 - At NWS – (WSDEN and Tri-State nets) Norm N0XYF and Chuck N0UKO
 - At Clubhouse (W0BLK) – Bob KF0AM, Doug W0WSP, Lew KC0RTW, and Dave N0GMP and his ELT training thingie
 - At Courthouse – Jack K0STF in either the building or his motorhome
 - Rovers – Two Tech students
 - DFers - Ask Gary Peterson and Rich Smith to volunteer (Rausch)
 - Meade Co:
 - Rovers – Gary KC0TKN and Charles KC0TKO
 - EOC – Gene N0MHJ (Simplex Relay to keep local traffic off of the repeaters)

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Butte Co:
Jerry's house – KG0GG (on emergency power)

Lawrence Co:
Lead EOC (KC0BXH) – John WB6GHA

Custer Co:
Highway Maintenance Shed – (Karen, Butch, Phil, or other? on VHF)
Kruse Residence – HF, emergency power

Fall River Co:
Rover –
HS Club House – Phil and Tim

14. SET Scenarios, starting at 9AM (handout)

BUTTE Co - reports severe weather – announces same in 94/76 – initiates messages, one to Pierre, and one to NWS, initiates packet messages.

MEADE Co - Rovers observing and reporting to Meade Co EOC via simplex – EOC sends messages to BHARC club house – initiates packet messages – Originates official message from Meade officials to Pierre officials.

LAW Co – create message requesting 30 bales of hay for animals – originate message to Pierre officials.

PENN Co - At NWS – (WSDEN and Tri-State nets) Norm N0XYF and Chuck N0UKO.
At Clubhouse (W0BLK) – Bob KF0AM, Doug W0WSP, Lew KC0RTW, and Dave NOGMP and his ELT training thingie.
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FALL RIVER – Haz Mat incident – invite County EM officials – activate rovers

15. We need more ICS and Radiogram training for message passing.

16. The 2004 SET Actuals from QST were reviewed (handout).

17. It was decided that no additional Hermosa meetings would be held this season. We may want to resume them next spring.

Hermosa Meeting - Open Action Items

AI #	Responsible	Date Opened	Date Closed	Action Item	Status:
02	McPherson	27Feb05		Organize an area-wide packet capability. See item 10 of Hermosa I minutes for committee charter items.	Continuing. New completion date of 20 Sept proposed.
07	Hawley	27Feb05		Get some nets or other regular usage on the repeaters and state link to make people aware of the existence of these assets.	State link part: wait till after SD hamfest. WSDEWN in process on 94 / 76. Wait until whole link operational. Maybe EC / DEC net, weekly?
09	ECs	27Feb05		Check out each of the county EOCs and make a plan to check them periodically. Maybe have an EOC net.	
11	club presidents	27Feb05		Organize the clubhouses to function as reliable comm centers. See item 8 of the minutes for items to include.	In-process. To be used for SET.
12	Hawley, Rausch, ECs	27Feb05		Organize the proposed SET exercise. Invite served agencies. Prepare media information & releases. Use checklist for milestone ideas.	Details forthcoming at Hermosa III & IV
17	D. Jeffries	27Feb05		Provide a practice ELT for the DF exercises.	See meeting minutes from Hermosa II for details.
18	training class	27Feb05		Organize practice message / traffic handling exercises.	Shaw to make presentation at NHARC (Jul) and BHARC (Oct).
20	Burch, Rausch	27Feb05		Set up a Technical Standards subcommittee to deal with issues like the Power Pole 12v connector.	Power Pole presentation available from Burch. Peterson gave demo and presentation at Jul BHARC meeting.
23	Palmer	22May05		Check on prices and availability of "orange vests".	
24	Anderson, Rausch	22May		Check on quantity discount of Rainbow DF kits.	Call Tim, get 8 on order for BHARC

ARES Public Service Events - 2005

June 4	Palmer	Pennington Co. Emergency Mgmt Drill
June 4/ 5	K. Kruse	Crazyhorse Volksmarche
June 18	McPherson	The Big Mick Ride, Deadwood to Edgemont on Mickelson Trail
July 30	K. Kruse	Heart of the Hills Run, Hill City to Keystone
Aug. 20/21	Hawley	Wyoming MS 150 mile ride
Aug. 27	Palmer	Mount Rushmore Century Ride
Sept. 3	Scholl	Southern Black Hills Triathlon
Sept. 17/18	B. Kruse	1880 Train Special Event
Sept. 24/25	McPherson	SD MS 150 Mile Ride
Oct. 1	Rausch	SET (Amateur Radio Simulated Emergency Test)
Oct. 9	TBD	25th Annual Mt. Rushmore International Marathon
Oct. 15/16	Rausch, Jarvinen	Boy Scouts Jamboree on the Air
Dec. 2/3	Rausch	Skywarn Recognition Day at WX Station