



ARPS

Meeting Minutes

May 21st, 2007

Call to Order

1. City of Lansing/Ingham County E.C. position discussion
 - a. Clint Hannahs was unavailable for the meeting. Clint made that announcement two months ago that he would be stepping down as the EC. After over 10 years of faithful service, Clint has made the decision to spend more time with his family. He will not be leaving the club, simply stepping back from the responsibilities of E.C. Please take a moment to send Clint a note or let him know next time you hear KC8EHR on the air how much we all appreciate his service to us, and the community. There is no question at all that the ARPS team is where it is today because of his many, many hours of volunteer service. If you didn't know, Clint was nominated to be the Volunteer of the Year "2006" for the State of Michigan Emergency Management Division. Congratulations Clint!!!
 - b. Tom Shaver, KC8NJK has agreed to serve for one year as the new E.C. After that year, we will all discuss and evaluate what we have accomplished. If at that time, the members and Tom feel it is in the best interests of club to continue, we'll all consider another year. Tom has been a Ham since November of 1999 (Clint was my inspiration), past Emergency Manager for the City of Lansing and currently is a principal of Comprehensive Emergency Management Associates (CEMA). Tom has been happily married for 27 years and has three children (ages 21, 23 & 25).
 - c. New "Sign-in" & RACES certification sheets were explained and distributed.
 - i. The "Sign-in" sheet will include information such as: Name, Call, E-Mail, Phone, and the modes you enjoy working as a Ham. This list was created in Excel in order that we can begin to use it as an official database in order to keep track of all our members.
 - ii. The RACES Certification sheet is intended to be a ready reference for future training needs.

Old Business

1. MEPIN

- a. Dennis Boone KB8ZQZ discussed what MEPIN is, what has been accomplished and the issues that need to be resolved before we can begin using it.
 - i. Feedline & Antenna's have been installed on David Street tower. (North side of Groesbeck Golf Course)
 - ii. Transmitter is in
 - iii. Transceiver is in
 - iv. No Power Supply
 - v. Labor in assembling the pieces is the main issue to configuring the MEPIN system to work
2. ARPSC LISTSERVE
 - a. As a group, we will begin to use this LISTSERVE in order to send an E-mail to all members.
 - b. ARPSC@H-NET.MSU.EDU
3. Ingham County POD (Emergency Command/Communications POD)
 - a. Will be on hand for our next meeting on June 18th! Please be sure to plan on attending to see this incredible new piece of equipment

New Business

1. Contacting Trent Atkins, City of Lansing Emergency Manager
 - a. Call #517-483-4186... If Trent does not answer, leave a message and he will automatically be paged. Do not call his cell phone...
 - b. For all SKYWARN activations, page Trent at #517-229-3841
2. COMMON GROUND (July 8th – 15th)
 - a. City of Lansing and Common Ground officials have asked us to provide ATV coverage for all 8 days of the festival.
 - b. Details and sign-up sheets will soon follow.
 - c. If you have never used ATV, and are interested in participating, please feel free to let me know. The training is easy and it's a lot of fun! Standby for more details soon!
3. D-STAR
 - a. Bruce Pollock N8WWX, the E.C. and assistant 9-1-1 Director in Livingston County is asking the Regional Board for \$76,636 for D-STAR equipment for the entire 9 county region.
 1. I have asked Dennis Boone KB8ZQZ and Jeff Goeke-Smith KC8PUN to research the request and report back. If you are interested in viewing their critique, please let me know and I'll forward the report to you.
4. FIELD DAY
 - a. June 23rd 2pm – 24th 2pm)
 - b. Please contact John Hosford KC8FSK to help out!
 1. Needs: VHF & HF Phone & CW volunteers
5. Larry St. George N8SG in Clinton County is asking us to consider combining all the Tri-County ARPSC groups into one.
 - a. Obviously, this is a huge undertaking, even if we decided it was in our best interests

- b. Thus far, Larry is working on a proposal to offer all the Tri-County EC's to consider, but in the mean time, there are a couple other thoughts that may make sense in the short term:
 1. Working together in a more formal sense with SKYWARN
 2. Combining groups as far as training needs are concerned
 3. More to follow in the future. If you have any thoughts or ideas, please feel free to send them along to the group.

AEC Business (*Acting Emergency Coordinator*)

1. EC Assistants (Those who will take charge if Tom Shaver KC8NJK is unavailable
 - a. Clint Hannahs – KC8EHR
 - b. Dennis Boone – KB8ZQZ
2. SKYWARN
 - a. Jim Hannahs has decided to step down as the SKYWARN Coordinator. Thank you Jim for your years of service!
 - b. Ben Holcomb – WA8BEN and Jim Lakin – KD8BZL have agreed to take over as the SKYWARN Coordinators (It took two to replace you Jim)
3. Public Service Events Coordinator: Jeremiah Sevrey – KC8EIA
4. Web-Master: Ben Holcomb – WA8BEN (***Stop by and visit: www.lansingarpssc.com***)
5. Net Control: OPEN
 - a. This is a new position that will coordinate the very important tasks of Net Control as needed for exercises and crisis situations.
 - b. This person will manage (as many as possible) volunteers who are willing to take on this function as needed.
 - c. All Net Control operators will be trained and given manuals to assist them in their responsibilities.
 - d. Please let Tom Shaver KC8NJK know if you would be interested in either the Net Control EC position or a Net Control Operator.
6. Training: Tom Shaver – KC8NJK
7. Digital Modes: OPEN
 - a. Need for someone that enjoys modes like Packet & APRS to oversee those in our club willing to volunteer working these modes
8. HF/Code: OPEN
 - a. Need for someone that enjoys working HF Voice & Code to oversee those in our club willing to volunteer working in this area.

Adjournment: 9pm

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, JUNE 18TH, INGHAM COUNTY EOC