

Sunday, January 20, 2008

(This Net is also recorded and available online [www.beargreasearc.com] for individual replay)

BARCNet began at 2003pm. Those participating checked with Net Control Operator Jeff, KCOMKS

Check-ins

President's Report:

- Finland -- talked to Finland Checkpoint Coordinator; Power still questionable...the coordinator has talked with the Town of Finland; officials were aware of the situation and will have power in, 115V, 15amp receptacles, most likely near where new building will be; No tent, but bringing in a construction trailer....still working out parking logistics. Finland volunteers asked to check their email
- Jeff going out to check out Hwy 11 and the repeater situation in Finland on Thursday of this week
- Please send agenda items for pre-race meeting ASAP to Jeff; the meeting will be at LCA 1/26/2008 in the chapel downstairs
 - Training session at 1300 hours 1/26/2008
 - BARC Board meet at 1530
 - 1600 membership meeting (Please be aware the most recent automated message announcing the start of the membership meeting is incorrect. The meeting will begin at 1600 hours. Jeff will be correcting the automated messages so that future announcements will contain the correct time.) Dinner will be at a local restaurant after the meeting
- Last chance to submit your artwork for the BARC logo by Wednesday, 1/23/2008; you can view the other choices for BARC logo on the Yahoo groups Web site.
- Nominations for chairs and board members for the coming year are open. The following individuals have been nominated:

Net Control: Randy Scott, KC0RTX

Road Crossings: Tim Davich, KB0OPC

Checkpoints: Cory Long, KC0CVP has declined his nomination, in turn nominated Russ Marsolek, N0QK, who has accepted the nomination

President: Jeff Nast, KCOMKS

Vice President: Loren Kuhnly, KA0TMW

Treasurer: Len Lewis, KC0EPR

Secretary: Diane Nast, KC0TIU

Nominations remain open up until the vote, which will be taken at the Pre-race meeting. Please submit your nomination by contacting Jeff after the Net, via the list serve or by announcement at the pre-race meeting.

- Please review the proposed bylaw amendment to be voted on during the pre-race meeting; a copy is available at the Yahoo site or by contacting Jeff during the Q&A Session of this

Net. The communication plan has had a slight revision (highlighted in yellow) and the contingency plan is also available for review.

- Maps: The Yahoo site has an overview map available. The Beargrease site has a nice overview map available, but is not an accurate map to travel the course.
- Yahoo email is still losing emails. Jeff recommended logging into the Web site to be sure not to miss any email.
- Beargrease Board meeting -- 1/21/2008 at 1830 at Green Mill in Canal Park in Duluth
- Beargrease Volunteer Meeting -- 1/22/2008 at 1700 at Ordean Middle School in the cafeteria
- ANG has an open invitation for visitors with a request for a call ahead so they can prepare for your visit and still complete their assignments as it is a maneuver for the unit.
- Echolink will be a monitor only station during the race and without connection limitations to allow as many as desire to log in to follow the race.

No Vice Presidents report

No Secretary report

No Treasurers report

Brendan (W0KTX): Looking for an updated list of repeaters for the repeater card. Any changes needed from the 2006 race? Randy will supply this to Brendan.

Net Control: Antenna is up at net Control, phones are in....info needed for working Net Control will be available at the Pre-Race meeting. Quite a few openings available yet for Net Control. Randy will have the list available at the pre-race meeting for additional sign ups.

Have time to volunteer after Checkpoint/Road Crossings, stop by Net Control.

Some additional volunteers coming in from the ARAC club; email Randy if you're interested in volunteering. The list on the Web site needs some updating, changes to be made soon

Road Crossings Tim (KB0OPC): (Reported later in the net) Several openings remain:

- Up-bound: Still need someone for HWY 1, rest are set.
- Down-bound: Several openings, get in contact with Tim via radio or list serve this week. For available spots, please check the Web site.

Checkpoints, Cory, KC0CVP: All checkpoints are now filled

Late check-ins

Q&A Session:

Bud, KB0SBL: Verified BARC meeting times on 1/26/2008: 1530 BARC Board Meetings, 1600 Membership

Wayne, W0KRH: Finland repeater? Can reach Isabella and Silver Bay, perhaps due to topography? Planning to bring a Ringo Ranger and 15-20ft of mast -- necessary?

Jeff replied bring it along just in case it's needed, but deferred to Randy, KC0RTX, who was temporarily unavailable; Wayne will check with Randy later

Fred, KB0SPB: What is the PL tone on the Finland repeater?

114.8

Don, KC0TST: Repeater list update?

Link to the LSAC1 repeater list can be found on www.beargreasearc.com or by accessing the list directly at www.lsacrepeaters.org

Jeff, KC0MKS closed the BARC Net at 2048 local time with a total of 26 check-ins.

This is the last of the pre-race BARC Nets. The 25th running of the John Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon begins Sunday, 1/27/2008 at 1300 hours

Reminders/ Items of Interest from Q&A Session:

- Bob NODFP, worked simplex last year with another volunteer at Billy's to relay information; worked well the busy in/out situation at the beginning of the race
- Volunteer signup needs to be with the coordinator of a particular function (i.e., Checkpoints or Road Crossings) rather than someone reporting in his/her absence to keep information accurate
- Please be sure to notify your coordinator if you're parking a vehicle at a particular checkpoint or road crossing for an extended time period so the information is communicated to Beargrease race officials who monitor traffic; this ensures you have permission/space allowed for your vehicle

Net closed at 2049 local time