

BARC Membership Pre-Race Meeting, 1/26/2008

Lakeview Christian Academy chapel

Jeff called the meeting called to order at 16:07

Introductions of the Board: Jeff (KC0MKS), Loren (KA0TMW), Len (KC0EPR, on the road to the meeting), Diane (KC0TIU), Randy (KC0RTX), Tim (KB0OPC), Cory (KC0CVP, who is at Roland Matson's funeral)

Reports:

President: More detail contained within New/Old Business sections of the meeting, but suffice to say BARC is ready to go!

Vice President: The Ham radio community started helping with the Beargrease in 1984. There have been many changes over the years in location and duties. There has also been a great increase in the number of volunteers. Thanks to everyone for volunteering and a great job!

Secretary: No report, minutes from previous meetings and on-the-air nets have been posted online. Loren moved to accept the minutes as posted, Bob (WA9JDR), seconded, motion passed, minutes approved as posted.

Treasurer: Randy, (filling in for Len who is still en-route), a total of \$12.45 in treasury, recently reduced by a dozen badges at \$10 each. Randy will accept membership dues and record names of those paying until Len arrives.

Net Control: Openings remain, particularly on Monday during daytime hours. The sign-up sheet is available for those who would still like to sign up. Billy's is ready for the race, with a few minor details yet to be arranged. Narrow Band Emergency Messaging Systems (PSK, error correcting) digital set up to experiment; beacon going out every 5 minutes.

Road Crossings: Up-bound portion of the race is primarily covered. Down-bound still has some Priority 1 locations open: County 11, Beaver Crossing, London, Zimmerman. Please check with Tim (KB0OPC) to volunteer.

Checkpoints: Checkpoints are all filled.

BARC Logo: Those members with paid dues are eligible to vote. Ballots were handed out with printed samples of the logo. Members voted, ballots were collected and counted. The following logo was selected in the voting:



Recognition: Beargrease Race Coordinator Pat Olson visited to say thank you on behalf of the Beargrease organizers for the work done tirelessly for the race.

Brendan, Jeff and Pat Olson passed out certificates and pins to recognize individuals for their years of service, as well as recognize those volunteering for the first time. Please notify Brendan if any errors or omissions were made.

Communications Plan Change: Passed out information regarding communication. Russ moved that with the addition of Finland, the communications plan be approved as drafted. The group discussed briefly the addition of Finland, reviewing the frequency information (145.410, minus offset, PL tone of 114.8). Discussion was closed. Roy (W0REW) seconded Russ' motion, the motion carried by voice vote.

Bylaw Amendment: Printed versions of the by-laws with the proposed amendment highlighted were passed out. The amendment detailed protocol for board/chair position elections in years when race is canceled and the Pre-Race meeting is cancelled as well. The amendment was also read to the membership. Discussion regarding the amendment was opened. Discussion regarding the existence of the Critique Meeting, its purpose, etc. No further discussion. Matt (KB0KQA), moved to accept the amendment as written, Bud (KB0SBL) seconded. Motion passed via voice vote.

Board Members and Chair Positions Elections: Nominations were opened for Board members and chair positions. Those already nominated are:

President:	Jeff KC0MKS
Vice President:	Loren KA0TMW
Secretary:	Diane KC0TIU
Treasurer:	Len KC0EPR
Net Control:	Randy KC0RTX
Rd Crossings:	Tim KB0OPC
Checkpoint:	Russ N0QK

Also nominated at the meeting, for Net Control, Matt (KB0KQA) and for Checkpoints, Paul, (KC0WDQ)

Paper ballots were passed out, members voted, ballots were collected and tabulated. The results: Uncontested positions elected the nominated members. The winners for the contested positions are Randy (KC0RTX) for Net Control and Paul (KC0WDQ) for Checkpoint Coordinator.

Roland Matson memorial service – Gary was present at the reviewal in Spring Valley, bringing condolences to Roland's widow Marilyn.

The **Finland Checkpoint** is ready to go after some major changes in infrastructure completed by the city of Finland. Power is in and operational, and a construction trailer is onsite for volunteers to set up equipment.

Trail Maps: With the help of Tom (KB0LSS) and the GIS crew at St. Louis County, maps of the race route are available. In addition, Rick, the race sweep, will also be running GPS to gain a more accurate trail route with mileages.

Yahoo Groups email List Serve: Due to difficulties with Yahoo Groups email delivery, the BARC Board probably will be moving their email to Google Groups as a test of their system.

Information Packets, T-shirts, Arm Bands: Each volunteer received and signed volunteer release forms, in addition to information packets pertaining to their volunteer area. The group also picked up armbands and shirts from Randy at the end of the meeting.

Phone Numbers for Net Control: 218.525.4854 (This is Billy's main number, need to ask for Net Control.). Beargrease HQ 218.722.7631

Brendan passed out repeater cards with radio frequency information.

Ben, K0BLR, looking for Net Control operators for MN Section Noon phone net 80meters. Wednesday afternoon at noon is of most need to be filled; Ben can provide information needed; schedule available from Ben; email him at his call sign

The new member training session held prior to the membership meeting went well. Please send suggestions for updates/improvements to Jeff.

A reminder that the Air National Guard site is available for visits, but a call ahead is recommended. The ANG 148th Comm Squad site phone number: 651.282.4420

Thank you to Brendan for his web site work. This year's race will be recorded via EchoLink for online listening, provided the equipment functions as expected. Brendan also asked for stories, pictures, etc. for a memorial for Roland Matson to be placed on the web site.

The correct number of T-Shirts were delivered, however not correct in the size distribution, with 2XLs being particularly lacking. Please consider donating a wrong-sized shirt to someone as a gift if it doesn't fit properly.

Net Control will go on the air at 12 Noon with a roll call of positions up through Hwy 2.

Motion to adjourn by Russ (N0QK), seconded by Jenny (KC0RFY)
Meeting adjourned at 1830.