

RACES March 6, 2013 @ 0800 hours

APPROVED Meeting Notes @ PECOC Building, 3434 E 22nd Street, Tucson, AZ 85713

Attendance: F.Brady-N0KWP, T.Brown-KF7SYU, J.Christian-KE7VJW, R.Comins-W1GHF, D.Donnelly-KD7VDA, L. Donnelly-KF7CNR, J.Hand-OEM, M.Long-KA7WLG, T.Long-N7HOR, C.Prather-OEM, P.Robinson-KF7SDZ, L.Romero-OEM, J.Salcido-TONOEMHS, C.Sternberg-KF7GPK, V.Thompson-KE7OLI, H.Zappia-N7HND

Review & Approval of January 23 and February 06, 2013 Meeting Minutes: J.Hand called the meeting to order and made a motion to delay voting the approval of the draft meeting minutes from January 23 and February 06, 2013 to allow members a chance to review. T.Long recommended passing out copies of the draft minutes to the committee members and suggested voting on the approval at the next OEM/RACES meeting. Motion passes unanimously. L.Romero stated that due to recording audio issues the January 30, 2013 minutes will not be drafted.

Old Business:

J.Salcido opened the meeting by passing out a flyer stating the T.O.Nation will be hosting an upcoming CERT Preparedness Symposium on June 6, 2013 at the Desert Diamond Casino and would like a member from RACES to attend and talk about HAM radio usage and what an individual would need to do to become a HAM Radio Operator. J.Salcido stated this would be one of their 1 hour breakout sessions discussions. J.Salcido left and the core committee still had questions to their overall involvement. J.Hand stated he will contact J.Salcido and see if he is available to attend the next meeting to discuss with the group their participation in this event.

J.Hand stated he would like to discuss on how the committee wants to proceed on identifying “Teams”.

T.Long stated the core committee has had internal discussions on this subject and have some ideas on how to proceed. T.Long stated they are drafting a “Team Survey” that would be distributed on the website. The “Team Survey” would give the committee members an opportunity to check mark which teams they would be interested in joining. T.Long stated the survey would include EOC Team, HAM Radio Club Recruitment Team, Home Unit Team, EOC Team, Technical Team, Training Team, Hospital Team, Mobile Operations Team, and there would also be a box listed as “other” that would allow the committee member to enter another team they would like to see within the committee that is not already listed. T.Long also stated there is also another box the member can check mark if he/she is not interested in participating in any of the teams. The survey will ask for the person name, email, and call sign. J.Hand stated that the committee may want to consider adding a brief description on what each team will do so the member has an idea of what he/she is signing up for.

J.Hand stated that RACES has a great organizational structure but wants to invite any person who is a HAM Radio Operator to assist Pima County OEM in times of emergency and stated that radio operator does not need to be a member of RACES to assist. J.Hand stated OEM needs to ally itself with not only RACES but with all radio groups within Pima County. J.Hand stated he is considering re-branding the name to “Pima County OEM Radio Group” and opened up the discussion to the committee. T.Long stated that the core committee members belongs to several radio groups and they have a specific interest to be members of RACES and support Office of Emergency Management in times of emergency. D.Donnelly stated that the RACES group has always had structure and have always invited any radio operators to join. D.Donnelly worries that if OEM goes another direction how will we keep structure and validate radio operators’ background. H.Zappia recommended that each committee member write a paragraph on what being a RACES volunteer means to them and continue the discussion at the next meeting. J.Hand stated he has listened to all comments from the committee and will take all factors into

consideration T.Long made a motion to table this current discussion and continue at the next meeting. D.Donnely seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

T.Long stated that B.Hickey was not able to attend this meeting but is available if we need him. T.Long commented on the post that was drilled and installed for the VH Antenna and stated B.Hickey is recommending one non-penetrating roof mount and a piece of mast for the south segment to prevent the antenna from sagging. J.Hand stated he would speak with facilities to get approval and order the parts needed.

OEM has asked that all RACES equipment in the old EOC be moved to our new location (PECOC) by the end of March. T.Long stated the new RACES room is not completed and they could move part of the equipment. J.Hand stated he would speak with M.Hein and get information on what exactly needs to be moved and get back with the group.

T.Long stated his Pima County fuel key is no longer active and he was unable to use it for his trip to Ajo and asked if OEM will reactivate it. J.Hand stated that OEM is considering no longer issuing personal fuel keys and instead OEM vehicles will have key sets that will include both fuel keys on it. J.Hand stated he will get further clarification and let him know.

T.Long asked about upcoming training and L.Romero stated the COML course is scheduled for April 30-May 2 and will be up in ERMA for enrollment later this week. L.Romero stated the 300 course in March is full but stated she would speak with F.Duarte on scheduling a 300 course for April for volunteers who need the course in order to sign up for the COML class. L.Romero stated she will confirm training dates in April with F.Duarte and notify the core committee on dates.

L.Romero stated that the only training certificates she has received is from J.Christian and C.Michels and urged the group to get those to her as soon as possible.

J.Hand asked T.Long if the RACES membership list has been forwarded to L.Romero and T.Long stated it has not.

M.Long stated that UMC South has its new radio programmed, the antenna is up and has been tested. M.Long stated the VA hospital has 3 radios and are planning on setting up a special group to work with RACES.

Meeting Adjourned at 1038 hours