Mountain Amateur Radio Club Minutes of the Meeting 18 January 2012

The monthly meeting began at 7:00pm, with Dean Buckhouse (KBØVVA) presiding. Initially we passed out the tacos that Dean had brought. Next, it was noted that the minutes of the previous meeting did not go out on the reflector. The secretary needs to work on his access to the reflector, as well as update the website.

Under Reports, the Treasurer reported that the in's and out's are OK.

Our next VE session will be March 3rd.

Our club dues are again due. They are \$20 per household.

There was a discussion on utilizing the email reflector more (than we have been). Wes Wilson (KØHBZ) suggested getting (or doing) and inventory of all equipment at the library, Kit's and Ed's house.

Dean reported that the county has allocated \$2000 for this year. We had spent all but approximately \$300 in 2011.

The Tenderfoot repeater is operating on a temporary antenna, mounted to what is left of the tower (following the wind storm). We need to write a letter to the county on moving our equipment to the new repeater site on Tenderfoot. The security at that site is very strict. Otherwise the rest of the repeater system is doing well.

TCSAR now has access to the county's command vehicle. It was remembered that there are no amateur radios mounted in the command vehicle, but that antenna hookups are there. We have purchased Icom 2720's for that vehicle, but they are not installed.

Meeting program suggestions (and volunteers) are NEEDED. Field Day is June 23 & 24 at Dean's property in Lake George. Campfest is August 24 – 26, also at Dean's property.

The Tour de Cure is August 18th. There is also a separate bicycle event the following day.

Wes Wilson talked about the structure of the State's ARES organization since Jeff Ryan has left.

Mike Stansberry (KØTER) talked about having an RV group and doing weekend trips.

Don Johnson (KØDRJ) talked about planning a Technician Class, to start at the end of February and run for four to six sessions.

From a previous Teller County Tea Party meeting, they had asked for additional information on amateur radio.

The VE team is also looking for new members. Need to be a licensed amateur EXTRA.

Thanks to Dean Buckhouse for bringing the food.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm Ten members, one guest Submitted by Bill Wallick (KCØFNV), Secretary