

Johnson County (and surrounding area) Emergency Communications Service

Meeting minutes for: March 4, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the Mansfield Emergency Operations Center at the Public Safety Facility, 1305 East Broad Street, Mansfield, TX.

In attendance: Andrew Podner (KE5OJZ), Gary Pannell (WA5FWC), Joshua Berry (AE5FN), Patricia Berry (AE5FO), and Tom Legler (KD5TIZ), the Mansfield Emergency Management Coordinator.

President Andrew Podner called the meeting to order.

The minutes for the February 5th meeting were read and accepted.

Andrew Podner informed us that the city of Burleson is reviewing the final Memorandum of Understanding, and it should be accepted and signed shortly.

Andrew was able to activate the JARS net at the Burleson Emergency Operations Center last Sunday, March 2nd, during the National Weather Service Thunderstorm Watches. In the future, JARS members will go through our net control to report weather related activity to Tarrant RACES.

We discussed the possibility of holding a JARS Field Day on June 28th and 29th of this year. We briefly discussed various aspects of Field Day, and agreed to try to have one for our group. If possible, we will try to use the Mansfield Emergency Operations Center as our Field Day site.

Andrew Podner mentioned several public service events over the next several months that we could participate in:

- Tarrant County Health Department on April 1st at the Mansfield EOC
- Bike rally with Ellis County on June 21st in coordination with the Ellis County Amateur Radio Club
- Communications liaison at the City of Burleson Fireworks display on July 4th
- Founders Day in Burleson on October 11th

Andrew requested and the members present agreed to move next month's meeting to April 8th. On April 1st we will have a net.

Andrew will initiate a request for a club call sign and Gary Pannell will be the trustee.

Tom Legler discussed the possibility of JARS setting up a table at the upcoming Mansfield SKYWARN. We agreed to do that, and Andrew will coordinate it.

After April, monthly meetings will continue to be on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Master Meter Building. Weekly nets will be held on all other Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.