

Grand Mesa Contesters of Colorado
Board of Directors Zoom Meeting February 5, 2025
Minutes

1. A special meeting of the Board of Directors was called by K7TD and held by Zoom at 11 a.m. on February 5, 2025. The following board members participated:
 1. K7TD, Terry
 2. K0AV, Alan
 3. W0ZA, Greg
 4. K0GUZ, Steve
 5. W0LSD, Ken
 6. N00J, Ryan
 7. K0UK, Bill
2. K7TD reported that the club's affiliate status with ARRL had been restored. He said that a part of the problem was due to the fallout from the ARRL data breach last fall, and subsequent retirements at their headquarters.
3. The next topic was communications with members. Currently, the primary avenue is the groups.io mailing list, but we also have the website grandmesa.org, and a Mailman mailing list for the directors. The club also pays for a Zoom subscription, which has been used for meetings with members and for educational presentations. K0GUZ, who is the webmaster for grandmesa.org reported that this site is not being accessed or used; even though the cost is a modest \$60/year. At least one member learned of the club by Googling "Grand Mesa Contesters" and the website was the first listed.¹ It was generally agreed that updating the website with more current information and content was a priority. Board members said they would give some thought to any additional content that might make the site more valuable. K0AV questioned whether the mission statement and bylaws were online²
4. K0GUZ indicated that he might set up a test server on Discord; it might be a more effective communications tool because a server is by invitation only, everyone could insert content, and it would be better organized and more useful than our current combination. At least two members have some familiarity with Discord, but K0AV cautioned that it might alienate club members who would have difficulty working with a new system and learning new passwords.
5. K7TD appointed W0ZA as the contest chairman to assist in keeping track of upcoming CW, SSB and Digital contests.
6. The Hamcon Rocky Mountain hamfest in Grand Junction will be held on October 23-26, 2025; see <https://www.hamconcolorado.com/> for registration details. K7TD stated that GMCC would have a presence at the convention, including hosting a dinner on Friday night, and perhaps a booth and presentations during the convention. GMCC members are invited to email Terry with suggestions and ideas.
7. W0GAS suggested that club participation and interest would be also enhanced by holding regular Zoom meetings on a monthly or quarterly basis, and periodic, scheduled lunches where most of the members live in the Denver area.
8. In addition, using the Zoom account for regular, scheduled meetups to learn hints, kinks and techniques for beginners and advanced contesters was discussed

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

1 It still is. Google and Bing are often the only visitors to the website.

2 They are. Click on the "About Us" link in the menu at the top of the website.