

LOWER COLUMBIA AMATURE RAIDO ASSOCIATION

Business Meeting Minutes for 19 July 2017

- Call to Order:** 1900 Hours PM
- Pledge of Allegiance:** President Stan – KF7CVR led the Flag Salute
- Visitors:** None
- Reading of Minutes:** Minutes for the meeting of 21 June 2017, V.P Mike – N7DQ made a motion to have the minutes approved. Jeff – KB7PMO second the motion, all were in favor and the motion was carried. President Stan – KF7CVR approved the motion.
- Correspondence:** Treasurer JJ -W7BO is on vacation, however their were letters from Beacon Hill, QSL, Columbia Bank and Cowlitz PUD, President Stan – KF7CVR will forward the mail to JJ upon his return.
- Officer Reports:** As follows-
- ACS:** Randy – NU7D stated that he and Connie - KB7AYY attended the ground breaking ceremony in Woodland WA. for the new Sports Center. The ceremony was held on July 13th 2017, Randy and Connie helped during the event which was held in two different time slots, and lasted all day. It's unclear at this time because of the Sports Centers location where our Field Day for 2018 will be held, however we have a year to plan for the next Field Day event.
- Bill – KB7CZ and Randy – NU7D helped man a booth at Whatcom County Bald Eagle Days on July 15th 2017. They brought down the two Drones, and some handouts on 911 emergency's. All in all everyone seemed to enjoy looking at the Drones and what could be done with them.
- ELT practice was secluded for July 22nd 2017, at 9am. Three teams are needed, Randy will send out notices so that he can plan accordingly to see how many people can attend. If there are not enough people the ELT practice will be canceled.
- ACS will not be helping out at the Cowlitz County fair because of the short notice that was given, and also due to the fact that ACS did not help last year. More time is needed to plan an event such as this in regards to man power, and equipment needed.

Officer Reports Continued: ACS: Randy - NU7D

The National Night Out, held on August 1st 2017. Randy stated that ACS will not be at the 100 block of 16th in Longview WA. Instead ACS has been asked to attend the event at the Castle Rock WA. Elementary School. Cowlitz County Sheriff's office has requested the Com Van to be on site. Stan – KF7CVR and Jeff -KB7PMO volunteered to operate the Com Van.

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary has asked Randy – NU7D if an antenna and repeater could be installed at the club house. The reason for the installation is the USCG is based in Vancouver WA. and sometimes has difficulty with commutations reaching Astoria OR. Furthermore if another repeater goes down, this would give USCG an alternative. It was agreed by club members that a Memo of Understanding and/or Agreement needed to be drafted to cover the LCARA in the event of an accident, or possible damage to the Club House. Furthermore the Memo of Understanding would be a contract between the USCG and LCARA. Once the agreement is written, it will be presented to the club members for review, and a motion will be voted on at that time.

ACS and Hams have been asked to help with the Daybreak Racing Event on September 9th 2017 and starts at Goldwater Station. Randy stated the Com Van will be needed and possibly a repeater, as well as volunteers for commutations. The event will be off the main road so ACS members, and Ham Operators will have to hike into the area. This presents a problem with portable commutations, safety, and extraction of injured runners just to name a few. Vice President Mike – N7DQ requested more information before a commitment could be made. For more information on the event you can go to Daybreak Racing web page at <https://www.daybreakracing.com/backcountry-rise/>

Treasurer: John (JJ) – W7BO as stated earlier JJ is out of town on vacation, therefore no report is available.

Vice President: Mike – N7DQ nothing new to add, except Field Day will be covered at the ACS meeting on July 26 2017.

President: Stan – KF7CVR nothing new to add, so Stan moved onto old Business.

Old Business: Stan – KF7CVR asked again about Wally – KC7FTS and if there was any news or update. No new information was available, however the last anyone had heard Wally was in good health and doing well.

Old Business Continued: Stan – KF7CVR asked about the lawn mower, Randy – NU7D stated that he had spent about three hours mowing today. Randy stated that the mower was in good shape, however new blades are needed soon.

Kie – KD7UQR was not present at this meeting, it is unclear at this time whether his antenna was put up.

Stan – KF7CVR inquired about the security camera installed by Bill – KB7CZ , Bill stated that the system is operating very well with no problems to date. The security system is still not accessible, however via the internet due to low band width. It was also noted that Bill had fixed the outside light above the door. Randy – NU7D also wanted to thank Bill for installing the APS system that is now up and running. Randy also stated that Bill will soon have the Winlink system up and running as well.

New Business: Steve – K7KO our guest speaker for presentation night at the club house has noted a drop in attendance. This may be due to the summer season where club members are in gauged in other activities with family and friends. It was agreed by club members that the August 2017 presentation night would be canceled. This will allow club members to wrap up the summer season, and give Steve a September fall kick off with some new ideas. It is well noted by all club members how much we appreciate what Steve does by volunteering his time and effort to bring us the information, and knowledge he shares.

Steve stated that he is always open to new ideas, and the input gives him a sense of what club members are interested in. Some of Steve's new ideas are how to use RT Systems Software to program the Boafeng Radio. How to properly install a Type N connector on hard line by using map gas torch. Emergency communications, what is needed for your go radio and solar power. These are just a few ideas, and again Steve is looking for your input. Steve is willing to give these presentation's until the end of the year. If at that time attendance is still falling off, the program maybe discounted.

Good of the Order: VP Mike – N7DQ wanted to discuss the new Distracted Driving Law going into affect on July 23rd 2017. Ham operators have a pass on the law while using the radio microphone as long as they are not having difficulty driving. What this means is if you are all over the road you will most likely be given a ticket. Use good judgment as always while driving, and if needed key up and state “I am driving, I will contact you later” or just pull off the road. Violations will result in a \$136 fine for the first offense, or \$234 per additional citation in the next five years. In the state of Oregon Ham's do not get a pass. Under House Bill 2597 drivers could be fined up to \$2000 for using a “mobile electronic device” so remember this and be safe while driving.

Good of the Order continued: VP Mike – N7DQ wanted to remind all club members of the Solar Eclipse on August 21st 2017. There will be a large influx of people driving into the area using the I-5 corridor and US 101 to observe the event. Eastern Oregon will be the most heavily impacted by the event, so if you plan to be in the area use caution. Please plan your driving accordingly during the week before and after the event.

Bill – KB7CVR and Randy – NU7D were called to assist in a rescue at Castle Lake. The Sheriff's Office could not use the SAR Team because it was determined to be a non emergency. Bill and Randy were needed to aid in the possible rescue, and were using CB as a means of communications. The individuals were located as they came out on their own, and no rescue was needed.

Adjournment: The motion was given by President Stan – KF7CVR and seconded by VP. Mike -N7DQ the motion was granted and we adjourned at 19:58 PM.

Club Drawing: A total of \$27.00 was received Mike – N7DQ was the winner receiving \$9.00 and the club received \$18.00.

Attendance: 13 members

Minutes report was submitted by Acting Secretary:
Lloyd Plourd KI7KMJ