

# LOWER COLUMBIA AMATURE RAIDO ASSOCIATION

## Business Meeting Minutes for 18 October 2017

**Call to Order:** 1900 Hours PM  
**Pledge of Allegiance:** President Stan – KF7CVR led the Flag Salute  
**Visitors:** None  
**Reading of Minutes:** President Stan – KF7CVR read the minutes from 20 September 2017. One correction was noted, ED call sign KC6WCT was corrected. Jeff – KB7PMO made a motion to approve the minutes, JJ – W7BO seconded the motion. President Stan approved the motion, all were in favor and the motion was carried and the minutes were approved.

**Correspondence:** JJ – W7BO reported that he had received a statement from the Club LCARA investment fund. The fund was in good standing and generating a positive profit to date.

**Officer Reports:** As follows:

**Treasurer:** John (JJ) – W7BO reported all accounts in good standing. JJ stated that the club may want to transfer some money into the investment fund so that the money could be generating interest, or a positive cash flow. JJ also reported that if funds were needed for the up coming holiday season, IE Christmas party, the funds would be available.

**President:** Stan – KF7CVR nothing new to add.

**Vice President:** Mike – N7DQ was absent no report received.

**ACS:** ***SPEICAL NOTE ACS MEETING FOR NOVEMBER 2017 CANCELED!***

Randy – NU7D reported that Spotter training would be held on Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-8:30 PM at the Rizad Complex in Kelso WA 98626. FEMA ICS 100/200/700 training on October 21<sup>st</sup> 8:30-4:00 PM at 615 S 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Kelso WA. 98626. Drone training will be held at Willow Grove on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM. Depending on the weather, Randy will send out emails on further updates about the Drone training.

## **Officer Reports Continued:**

Randy – NU7D stated that on October 27<sup>th</sup> he would be attending the Drone Conference in Bellingham Washington. Randy will be seeing what changes have been made in regards to Drone rules, and regulations. Randy will also be talking to other Drone Teams from across the United States and Canada.

Randy - NU7D has been monitoring discussions with Drone teams involved with search and rescue after the recent hurricane disasters in Texas and Florida. The Drone Teams were instrumental in surveying the damaged areas where other aircraft such as helicopters could not get into. The teams primary mission was searching for survivors, early detection of environmental hazards, downed power lines, road conditions, water, and air pollution. The Drone Teams were able to provide important information so that emergence crews were able to respond more efficiently. The Drone Teams demonstrated the need to implement more Emergency Response Drone Teams across the United States as well as other countries across the planet.

Randy – NU7D stated the “MOU” agreement between the USCG and ACS has not been completed. The agreement still needed to be drafted, approved and written so that both parties would be covered in the unlikely event something would happen to the USCG equipment being installed at the W7DG club house.

Randy – NU7D stated the Kalama WA. river gauge needed to be replaced. A new gauge has been ordered, when it arrives it will be installed. The Lexington WA. river gauge has issues with the battery and programming. A new battery was installed in June of 2017 and went dead, therefore the software programming was lost. A new battery was installed, software updated and the Lexington river gauge is back up. Randy suggested, and or recommended that a solar panel and charging system should be installed so that the battery for the river gauges will remain charged at all times. The solar charging system would reduce the cost of replacing the batteries. The recommendation will be taken under consideration by the LCARA and ACS.

## **New Business:**

President Stan – KF7CVR asked about an update on Wally – KC7FTS. It was noted by a couple of club members that Wally was in great health and doing well. Wally still needed to have some medical conditions taken care of in the months to come. We are all thankful that Wally has recovered, our thoughts and prayers are still with him.

## **Old Business Continued:**

President Stan – KF7CVR stated that a replacement was still need to replace Mike – N7DQ as coordinator for field day 2018. No one has stepped forward and no nominees have been given for this position. Also at this time JJ – W7BO has been in meetings with the Woodland Parks Department about the location. The event may still be held at the old location in Woodland WA. although this has not been confirmed yet.

President Stan – KF7CVR stated that the club LCARA wanted to extend its gratitude to Steve – K7KO for his dedicated work for presentation night. Steve was not present at tonight's meeting so Stan could not deliver the message directly. It is not clear what Steve has planed for November 2017, so we will have to wait and see.

President Stan – KF7CVR stated that nominations for club officers needed to start now. The positions needed to be filled are President, Vise President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Volunteers are welcomed, anyone that is nominated for a position should be questioned before they are nominated. Please do not nominate someone that doesn't want to take on the position. Elections will be held in November of 2017, incoming officers will be sworn in at the Christmas Party in 2017.

President Stan – KF7CVR asked for volunteers to take on the “Tote” and “Club 70th Anniversary” projects that were brought up at the last business meeting. Jeff – KB7PMO stated that he would take on the “Tote” Project. Carl - K7ECW and Stu – K7WF volunteered to take on the “70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary” Project.

**New Business:** Nothing new to add.

**Good of the order:** JJ – W7BO wanted to thank Randy, Bill and Bills son for helping put up his 50 foot tower. They did a great job and the installation is working great. Jeff – KB7PMO wanted to again thank Steve – K7KO for the recent presentation night. Steve brought a friend who showed how to install PL259 connectors using a torch. The presentation was very informative and everyone attending enjoyed the presentation.

**Adjournment:** The motion was given by Jeff – KB7PMO and seconded by JJ – W7BO. The motion was granted and we adjourned at 19:38 hours PM.

**Drawing:** \$23.00 received, winner JJ – W7BO received \$13.00

**Attendance:** 10 members

Minutes report was submitted by Acting Secretary:  
Lloyd Plourd KI7KMJ