

LOWER COLUMBIA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

Business Meeting Minutes for November 15th 2017

Special Note: President Stan – KF7CVR is out of town for the Thanksgiving Holiday, Vice President Mike – N7DQ will be conducting tonight's meeting.

Call to Order: 1900 Hours
Pledge of Allegiance: Vice President Mike – N7DQ led the Flag Salute
Visitors: (4) Keven – KC6FLG Ralph – KI7RMC Ed – KI7RRX
Steve – No call sign, not licensed yet.
Reading of Minutes: Vice President Mike – N7DQ called for approval of the minutes from the 18 October 2017 meeting. Carl – K7ECW noted one correction, new Club Officers are not sworn in at the Christmas party, they are just welcomed into their new position. Jeff – KB7PMO made a motion to have the minutes amended, Carl – K7ECW seconded the motion. All present were in favor VP Mike – N7DQ approved the minutes with corrections noted.

Correspondence: JJ – W7BO stated none at this time.

LCARA November Officer Election 2017

Carl – K7ECW presented to all in attendance the nominations for 2018 club officers. The nominees were called by name, and introductions were made. The ballots were then passed out to Club Members only so that the new officers could be voted on. Once all the ballots were collected, the votes were tallied and the new club officers for 2018 were recognized as follows:

- President: Mike Bates – N7DQ
- Vice President: Jeff Hillendahl – KJ6ERT
- Treasurer: John (JJ) Bruke – W7BO
- Secretary: Lloyd Plourd – KI7KMJ
- Director (3yr Term) Rick Ouzts – WA7NWN

Officer Reports as Follows:

Treasurer: John (JJ) – W7BO reported all accounts in good standing. Water bill was \$31.00. The electric bill went up from \$61.40 in October to \$181.00 in November. JJ stated that it is obvious that someone left the heat on when they left the club house.

Officer Reports continued:

President: Stan – KF7CVR as stated earlier, not present at this meeting.

Vice President: Mike – N7DQ Nothing new to add.

Secretary: Lloyd – KI7KMJ Nothing new to add.

ACS: Randy – NU7DG Nothing new to add.

Old Business:

VP Mike – N7DQ noted that a volunteer leader/coordinator for 2018 Field Day still had not been found. The club needs to have someone step forward and volunteer for this position. JJ – W7BO is still working on a location in Woodland WA. It is unclear at this time if we can set up at our old location, in Woodland WA. However there is still plenty of time to resolve the location issue.

VP Mike – N7DQ requested an update on the “Tote” and “Club 70th Anniversary Celebration.” In regard to the “Tote” project, Ed – KC6WCT suggested the idea and Jeff – KB7PMO volunteered to head up the project. The totes are needed to put radio supplies such as coax, jumpers, connectors, antenna parts, etc that are needed for field day or in the event of an emergency. Ed – KC6WCT stepped up at today's meeting by offering to donate \$25.00 dollars for the cost of the totes. Upon further discussion our Treasurer JJ – W7BO offered to pick up the totes at Costco. JJ stated that a black and yellow Rubber Maid tote would be the best at a cost of around \$8.89 per tote.

In regard to the “Club 70th Anniversary Celebration” Carl – K7ECW volunteered to head up the committee, with the help of Stu – K7WF. Carl also recommended ED – KC6WCT to join the committee because he recommended the club anniversary. Carl stated that a special event will be planned, the decision as to “what and where” is yet to be determined. Carl also stated that he wanted to send out invitations to some of the old members still in the Longview Kelso area, as well as QSL cards. The special event is important to the W7DG Club community, history, and it's members, both old and new.

New Business:

Walk-N-Knock Food Drive 2017, Saturday, December 2nd starting at 09:00 to 15:00 Hrs. The food drive is comprised of volunteers and local Boy Scouts going door to door picking up non perishable food and delivering it to drop off locations around the Longview Kelso area. Connie – KB7AYY, who usually handles the radio communications for the event has been in contact with the project coordinator Kathy Bates.

New Business Continued:

Kathy stated that there are no changes, and everything is the same as last year. Local Ham volunteers are needed to supervise the drop off locations. Hams communicate with Connie by radio as something is needed, such as supplies, or a pick up at a certain address. Connie would like to have the Hams that have participated in the past to man their same locations, however new volunteers are need as well.

LCARA (Non-Alcoholic) Christmas Dinner Saturday December 9th at the RIZAD Complex. Setup will be 17:00 – 17:30 Hrs. Social gathering from 17:30 – 18:30 Hrs. Dinner will be a pot luck starting at 18:30 Hrs. It is recommended that people attending should bring their own cups, plates, silverware, and serving utensils. However paper plates, cups, napkins, and plastic ware will be there if needed. A discussion was made about the Christmas gifts to be given out at the dinner. Randy – NU7D made a motion for the club to purchase gift cards not to exceed \$300.00. The gift cards would then be raffled off in a drawing. Jeff – KB7PMO seconded the motion, all were in favor and VP Mike – N7DQ approved the motion. It was also discussed about “JJ'S White Elephant gift” It's unclear when the tradition started, however those attending spend no more than \$20.00 on a gift to exchange with other attendees at the dinner. There will also be a raffle drawing for a grand prize such as a dual band radio. All in attendance agreed that this is a fun family event, all club members and their family's are invited.

Keith – W7DKQ suggested that the club invest in the purchase of a digital thermostat for the club house. With the current electric bill being \$181.00 because someone left the thermostat up, it would be a good choice. The cost of the thermostat would be paid for in the savings of the first month. Ed – KC6WCT made a motion to purchase the thermostat at a cost of no more than \$50.00. Jeff – KB7PMO seconded the motion, all in attendance were in favor, VP Mike – N7DQ approved the motion. Keith – W7DKQ volunteered to install the thermostat.

Randy – NU7D stated the he had received an email in regards to the Emergence Broadcast Service. In the email they were asking if Hams, RACES, could help get the word out in the event the they were unable to do so by regular means. Randy stated that information would have to be sent in regard to station and or RACES call sign. At this time no other information was available, Randy just wanted to give a head's up to the club.

Jeff -KB7PMO stated that he had replaced an AC power cord plug socket on one of the clubs radios. The radio was fixed and working just fine, total cost was \$25.00. Randy – NU7D made a motion to have Jeff – KB7PMO reimbursed the \$25.00 from the club Treasurer. Jeff – KJ6ERT seconded the motion, all were in favor, VP Mike – N7DQ approved the motion.

New Business Continued:

Randy – NU7D stated that the ACS meeting for December 2017 has been moved to the third Wednesday, December 20th 2017. This is due to the cancellation of the November 2017 ACS meeting. This will not interfere with the December 2017 Business meeting because no meeting is planned.

Carl – K7ECW brought to the attention of VP Mike – N7DQ that the new officers for the Club, Vice President: Jeff Hillendahl – KJ6ERT and Secretary: Lloyd Plourd – KI7KMJ needed to have new bank signature cards made. It was agreed upon and Treasurer JJ – W7BO stated that he would get the applications and bring them to the next business meeting in December. VP Mike also stated that outgoing President Stan – KF7CVR needed to be removed from the bank signature list.

Good of the order:

Pot Luck Dinner planned for November 29th, 2017 at 18:30 Hrs. at the club house. No mention of a theme, just bring your favorite dish. This is open to all club members and their family's.

Treasurer JJ – W7BO stated that the clubs 50/50 pot was at \$154.00 before tonight's drawing funds were added. JJ stated he wanted club members to realize the importance of the 50/50 drawings. The funds raised from the 50/50 drawings are used to purchase a grand prize for the raffle drawing held at the clubs Christmas Party. Therefore the more club members who play, the larger the pot is at the end of the year.

Carl – K7ECW made a recommendation to have club members use a portion of their shopping rewards as a way to raise funds instead of volunteering to serve coffee to raise funds. Treasurer JJ – W7BO stated that this sounded like a great idea, however he would have to investigate further. VP Mike – N7DQ stated he was in agreement and this needed to be discussed at future meetings.

Adjournment: The motion was given by Carl – KE7KEV and seconded by Jeff – KB7PMO. The motion was granted and we adjourned at 20:03 Hrs.

50/50 Drawing: Total received \$48.00 the winner, Darin – KD7TJR receiving \$24.00

Attendance: 15 members, 4 visitors

Minutes report was submitted by Acting Secretary:
Lloyd Plourd KI7KMJ

