

Lower Columbia Amateur Radio Association Business Meeting Minutes for May 16th 2018

Meeting called to order 1900 hours

Attendance, Members: 25
Visitors: 1 Steve KJ7NO

Pledge of Allegiance lead by President, Mike N7DQ

Minutes Report: President, Mike N7DQ read the minutes from the April 18th 2018 meeting. No changes were noted, Jeff KB7PMO made a motion to approve the minutes. Carl K7EW seconded the motion, all were in favor minutes approved.

Correspondence: Were received, Treasurer JJ W7BO was not present at tonight's meeting therefor no report was given.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer- JJ W7BO, not present no report given.
Trustee- nothing new to add.
Secretary- nothing new to add.
ACS- Randy NU7D nothing new to add, more to report during old business.
President- nothing new to add.

Old Business:

Field Day, Steve KN7SLR and Kevin KC6KLG stated that the location will be the same at Scott's Hill in Woodland WA. There will be plenty of stations to use for the event, along with radios, laptops, and several antennas including a Hex Beam. The event will run from Friday, June 22nd through Sunday, June 24th 2018. This is a great event, everyone is welcome so bring the kids and the whole family!

Club 70th Anniversary, Ed KC6WCT stated that everything is ready for the celebration to be held at the W7DG club house on Wednesday, May 30th 2018. There will be three plaques given to a club officer by Ed, along with a pot luck dinner and lots of fun. Again this is a special event for the club so bring the whole family.

Fred Meyer rewards and the 501C3. Again Treasurer JJ W7BO is not present at tonight's meeting so further discussions will be needed, along with a directors meeting. In tonight's meeting the general opinion is the the club will move toward a 501C3 rating.

Planters Day Potato Bar, Carl K7ECW stated that volunteers are still needed along with food handlers permit. Three shifts will be needed for Saturday, June 16th and two shifts needed for Sunday, June 17th along with a shift lead. Further meetings will be needed.

Old Business Continued:

ACS Randy NU7D, Tour De Blast June 23rd 2018 has twenty hams signed up to help with communications for the event. Mock Search on May 19th at 7:00 AM will be meeting at the club house to go over what will be happening. Randy stated that the Grant process is complete. The first proposal would be to use the grant money for a water proof drone. The second would be for a new propane tank for the club house. The third would be for a new projector for the club house. Total amount for the Grant is \$5,000 dollars.

RFI Project, Kevin KC6KLG stated that he is working on reducing the noise level at the club house. Some of Kevin's recommendations are the installation of a new 40 meter antenna, and installing chokes . The project is moving forward, Kevin just needs more time to complete the required steps needed to reduce the noise.

Interference with Hood River repeater 147.300. This was a subject that was discussed in great length at tonight's meeting. The main focus was on the co channel agreement, as to whether the club should sign or not. The other problem is that the repeater is located in Oregon and causing interference in Washington, so the coverage area needs to be regulated. Further investigation will be needed along with a meeting to decide what action or strategy we as a club need to take.

Water leak and bill, it would seem that the problem may have been fixed. The water bill went down, however went back up in March. We will continue to monitor the water bill to note any changes.

Door codes, most members have been issued door codes. If a member needs a door code please contact Mike N7DQ.

HF night, Kevin – KC6KLG stated that the last meeting was a huge success, the members who attended were able to make contacts in Hawaii, and Texas. The next meeting Kevin plans on bringing his Icom 7300 so that people can see what the radio can do.

Web Page, a member still needs to be found who can help Wally Merrin maintain and update the clubs web page. The web page needs to be brought up to date, on Club activities, current events, as well as club member photo's.

New Business:

Steve KN7SLR stated at the last presentation night the bub went out on his projector. The cost is very expensive and Steve asked if the club could either purchase a bulb or purchase a flat screen TV. Ed - KC6WCT volunteered to do the research to see what the cost of a TV monitor verses a bulb would be so that a vote could be placed at the next business meeting. Until than Lloyd KI7KMJ volunteered to bring a TV that Steve could use at the next presentation night.

New Business Continued:

Randy stated that ACS had been involved in a UAS (Unmanned Aircraft System) search for an individual who had been missing. The search was successful and the remains were found. Randy stated that a demonstration of the UAS had been done for the Local Emergency Planning Committee and that ACS may be involved more with searches in the future. ACS and the use of their UAS has proven on several occasions just what they can do when called upon.

John NO7B stated that even though he did not get on the air, his recent trip to Honduras was great. John met with the local club HR2RCH and fellow hams, to discuss about the installation of a 2 meter repeater. Also John found out that because the electrical grid is so bad with spikes, most hams use a battery system to run their equipment. John's radio was damaged due to a spike in the electrical service, so he plans on correcting that issue in the future. John plans on returning to Honduras in September or October.

Good of the Order, Nothing new.

Adjournment, Randy NU7D made a motion to adjourn, Butch AE7KJ seconded all were in favor. Motion was carried and we adjourned at 20:27 hours.

Drawing, A total of \$37.00 dollars was received the winners were Mile and Liz Hozlewood who received \$18.00 dollars.

Minutes report submitted by Secretary
Lloyd Plourd KI7KMJ