

Lower Columbia Amateur Radio Association Business Meeting Minutes for June 20th 2018

Meeting called to order 1900 hours

Attendance: Members 22 Visitors 1, Linda Brigham

Pledge of Allegiance lead by President, Mike N7DQ

Minutes Report: Randy NU7D noted the minutes report for May 16th 2018 had some errors in some of the call signs. President Mike N7DQ asked for a motion to approve the minutes with with the errors noted, and soon to be corrected. Randy NU7D made the motion, Jeff KB7PMO seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Correspondence: None Received

Officer Reports:

Trustee- Nothing new to report.

Secretary- Nothing new to report.

President- Nothing new to report.

ACS- Randy NU7D Nothing new, more information to be give during old business.

Treasurer- All accounts in good standing, the Potato Bar grossed \$511.00 dollars.

After expenses the net was \$176.00 dollars.

Old Business:

Field Day 2018, their will be three stations set up this year. The stations will be Steve KN7SLR, Kevin KC6KLG, and Lloyd KI7KMJ. Set up will start around noon on Friday June 22nd hard hats will be required for Steve's tower. The event will start Saturday, June 23rd at 11:00 am and run through Sunday June 24th at 11:00am, tear down will start shortly after. As always all visitors are welcome, and volunteers are needed for set up and tear down.

Club 70th Anniversary, Ed KC6WCT stated that the event went well, the club received letters of recognition from the Governor of Washington. The letters were mounted on plaques that will be mounted on the wall of the club house.

501C3 Direction, a leader still has not been determined. It would seem that the club in general wants to move in that direction, however a lot of work is required. Until a leader is found this item will remain on old business.

Potato Bar, The club wishes to thank Carl K7ECW for his effort in putting together the project. Carl stated that he wanted to thank all those who participated. However the outcome was not what the club had hoped for. After all the work that went into the project the club only made about what it would have made at a rest stop. A meeting will be held by the Officers to review and determine if the club will do the event next year.

Old Business Continued:

ACS Randy NU7D:

Tour de Blast will be held on June 23rd. Randy stated that he had maps for all volunteers with their locations, along with T-Shirts for the event. All volunteers will meet at the fire department across from the Toutle Lake High School at 6:00am.

Grant Money, Randy stated that the grant for \$7,300 was approved. The money will be used to purchase two UAV Drones for ACS, a TV Projector, and a 250 gallon propane tank for the club house. A new extended concrete pad will be needed to install and anchor the new tank. Also to save cost the propane from the old tank will try to be transferred to the new tank.

Projector Bulb, to replace Steve's KN7SLR. It was determined that the club will not purchase a bulb due to the cost, and because a new projector will be purchased for the club with the grant money. Instead a motion was made by Steve for Ed KC6WCT to purchase a 55in 4K TV for \$250.00 dollars. Mike KI7RSB seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion was passed.

RFI Project, Kevin KC6KLG stated that it is moving forward and he is working on the project. Kevin is in hopes of reducing most of the RFI at the club house, it's just going to take time.

147.300 interference, no new reports have been received. The Hood River Repeater will interfere with several areas and will still need to be addressed. However at this time it will be just be monitored to see what develops.

Water Line Status, it would appear that the water leak has been fixed. The repairs made to the toilet seemed to have solved the problem. The water bill will be monitored in the coming months.

Door Codes, all members requiring door codes have been issued to those members.

HF Night Kevin KC6KLG, Kevin stated that last month the bands were dead, so he was unable to make contacts. Kevin has some new ideas for HF Night such as operator training, discussions on antenna's and their design, different operating modes, and several other topics he would like to bring to new Hams. It will be interesting to see what Kevin has for HF Night next month.

NEW Business:

Jeff KB7PMO stated that repairs needed to be made to the shed door and ramp. A time and materials needed for the project will be made by Jeff and given to Randy NU7D.

Handicap signs were recommended to be installed at the front parking locations by the hand rail leading to the front door. Jeff KB7PMO volunteered to take on the project.

New Business Continued:

National Night Out, Linda Brigham stated that the event has changed for 2018. In past years the event has been held at different locations around the Longview – Kelso area with local Fire and Police Departments. This year there will be two events, Linda will hold her block party on Saturday, August 4th 2018 at the 100 block of 16th Ave. starting at around 5:00 PM. The main event will be held at Lake Sacajawea on Tuesday, August 7th 2018 starting at around 4:00 PM. with local Fire and Police Departments.

New Propane Tank, Randy NU7D has agreed to oversee the project in regards to extending the concrete pad and installation of the new tank. An update will be given at the next business meeting in July 2018.

Club Funding, Lloyd KI7KMJ Secretary for the LCARA Club wants to see a way that funds can be generated to help support the club. Weather it's working the coffee stops, tater bar, or whatever there needs to be a way to bring money into the club. It was agreed that a meeting needed to be conducted by the officers and directors as to a direction the club wants to go in. Updates will be given at the next business meeting in July 2018.

Good of the Order, Nothing stated.

Adjournment, Randy NU7D made a motion to adjourn, Jeff KB7PMO seconded all were in favor. Motion was carried and we adjourned at 20:09 hours.

Drawing, A total of \$38.00 dollars was received, the winner Jim KG7RZ received \$19.00 dollars which he donated back to the club.

Minutes report submitted by Secretary
Lloyd Plourd KI7KMJ