

Lower Columbia Amateur Radio Association

Business Meeting Minutes for

September 19th 2018

Meeting called to order 1900 hours

Attendance: Members 12 Visitors 0

Pledge of Allegiance lead by President, Mike N7DQ

Minutes Report: August minutes report was not written yet, President, Mike N7DQ read his notes from the meeting.

Correspondence: AARL information on upcoming elections for the Northwest division Director. Received regular monthly bills.

Officer Reports:

- Treasurer – All accounts in good standing, however in July the water bill was higher.
- Trustee – Received a report from Lloyd – W7KDG about interference on the 147.26 frequency. It appears to be coming from the 147.28 frequency bleeding onto the 147.26. further monitoring will be needed to investigate the problem.
- ACS- Randy NU7D stated that ACS had received a donation of \$1,500 dollars from the Blue Lake mission. During the mission, ACS used there UAV to help locate the missing individual.
- Secretary- Nothing new to report.
- President- Nothing new to report.

Review of the 501C3 direction. A meeting of the directors and officers was held earlier this evening to discuss the issue. It was determined the best coarse of action would be to keep the club rating at a 501C7. However a proposal was made to create a New Foundation under the 501C3 filing where by the club could receive donations and other benefits. The Foundation would be its own entity with separate bylaws, officers, directors, tax ID, and bank account. It will also require someone from the membership to step forward and make a commitment to help the club Treasurer JJ. Jeff – KB7PMO made a motion to approve the proposal of creating the Foundation. Mike – KI7RSB seconded the motion. The pros and cons were discussed in great detail and a finial vote was taken. All members in attendance voted, the outcome was unanimous. The motion was carried for the development of the Foundation. There will be more to come on this issue in future business meetings.

ACS Randy – NU7D stated that they have had several mission to fly. Randy also wanted to thank Mike, Jeff, and Connie for going door to door in Ryderwood WA. to tell residents that the water restrictions had been lifted. The residents did a great job reducing water usage by twenty percent.

Old Business Continued:

RFI Project, HF Night, Kevin – KC6FLG was not present, no update available.

Presentation Night, Steve – KN7SLR was not present, no update available.

147.300 Interference, Butch is still monitoring the situation. The subject was discussed in great detail with the membership present, and some new information was given.

New Propane Tank, Randy – NU7D stated the new tank was installed with new piping to the generator. The propane from the old tank was transferred to the new tank. The new tank has a gauge, showing about sixty percent full. The generator was tested, and the project is complete.

Positive Impact Meeting, With the summer months being so busy no meeting has taken place yet. Hopefully a meeting will take place before the end of the year.

Handicap Signs, Jeff – KB7PMO stated that one is installed, however we are still waiting on another sign.

Web Page Updates, nothing new to add. However if someone needs to post something on the web page they can contact Club members, President Mike – N7DQ. Secretary Lloyd – W7KDG , or ACS Randy – NU7D.

TV Wall Mounts, the TV's are up and mounted. According to the members who attended the drone class they work great. People on both sides of the room were able to see the TV's. The club wishes to thank ED – KC6WCT, and Steve – KN7SLR for their contributions to the project, as well as those members who helped in the installation.

NEW Business:

Rick – WA7NWN stated that a good friend who worked at the radio shop for Weyerhaeuser donated several items to the club. Those items included some filing cabinets, storage racks, 900 meg antennas, a 60 ft and 100 ft. towers, a free standing grinder and drill press, along with several other items. A plan will need to be drafted as to what the club is going to do with the items such as an auction. The main goal would be to keep the items the club could use, and sell the rest. Any items not sold would be disposed of as needed.

New officers election, it is that time of year again where new officers need to be nominated and voted on. This will be brought up again at the October 2018 business meeting.

Field Day 2019, a new location is being researched. Due to the Woodland location for the past several years for field day being developed into a park, a new location needs to be found. The location dose not need to be in Cowlitz County, however it would be nice. This is something that all club members can be involved in. Anyone who might have a location can bring that information to the next club business meeting.

NEW Business Continued:

Good of the Order, Bob – KB7ADO had a South African 1oz silver Krugerrand he donated to the club for a second auction. All proceeds from the second auction will go to the Club.

Adjournment, Randy – NU7D made a motion to adjourn, Jeff KB7PMO seconded all were in favor. Motion was carried and we adjourned at 20:18 hours.

Drawing, A total of \$38.00 dollars was received, the winner Carl – K7ECW received \$19.00 dollars. The second drawing for the Krugerrand was also won by Carl as well, however the total amount received was \$63.00 dollars.

Minutes report submitted by Secretary
Lloyd Plourd W7KDG