

Lower Columbia Amateur Radio Association

Business Meeting Minutes for January 16, 2019

Meeting called to order 1900 hours

Attendance: Members 20 Visitors 0,

Pledge of Allegiance lead by: President, Ralph N2RJR

Minutes Report: November minutes were posted. Ralph N2RJR asked if they needed to be reread. Ed K7WCT moved that reading the November minutes would be waved. Jeff KB7PMO seconded. One correction was noted by Ralph and Lloyd said that it had been corrected.

Correspondence: Two QSL cards K4JP from Venus Largo Florida & KC5 Westminster Colorado.

Ham of the Year Presentation: Mike Bates N7DQ presented Ham of the Year award to Randy NU7D. (Congratulations Randy!)

Officer Reports:

- **Treasurer** – JJ W7BO - All accounts are in good standing. Billing for electricity last month is \$192.00. The previous month was \$124.00. JJ recommends the club look into fund raising.
- **Trustee** – Nothing new to report
- **Secretary** – Liz KI7RSA - Investment committee added to include the following:
 - Trustee – Kevin Moore KC6FLG
 - Treasure – John J Burke W7BO
 - Member @ Large – Mike Bates N7DQ
- **ACS** – Randy NU7D - Recommends club members look at the weekly activities he sends out by email to see what ACS is currently doing. They have quite a bit going on.

Old Business:

501c3 direction – currently pursuing with a smaller group and the club will be informed when this group has something to present.

RFI - Information and recommendations to be noted in new business.

HFI night – per Kevin the bands have been dead.

Presentation night - Tim KI7FBQ gave an excellent presentation on loop antennas. JJ W7BO along with other members received information regarding A **Two-Element Wire Beam**

Antenna for 20 meters. He made copies and gave to any club members who were interested.

Christmas Potluck – Was an enjoyable event and everyone at the party had a good time.

New Business:

AGR stations are back up. Additional computer equipment needed for monitoring. Some club members might be able to provide the equipment. If unable to provide, club has agreed to provide \$150 for just in case it is needed. Recommended by Randy NU7D, Seconded by Jeff KB7PMO.

Field Day – Recommended by Randy NU7D to see if we could use the D.O.T. site by Hoffstadt Creek bridge mile post 29 (Cow Creek Bridge) Spirit Lake Hwy. Kevin KC6FLG and Lloyd W7KDG liked the place. Randy will give Kevin D.O.T contact information for a permit application for possible use of the place on Field Day in June 21, 22, 23, 2019. Field day is also on the same weekend as Tour de Blast.

Fund raiser suggestion – Working a rest stop (coffee stop) along I-5 is being suggested. The Club worked these stops in the past. Carl K7ECW is willing to help in contacting Judy Robins to check on list availability. He will not take the lead. Randy NU7D made motion to take up Carl's suggestion for the coffee stop, JJ W7BO seconded.

HF station cleanup & RFI - Brian KJ7OX has been working on cleaning up the HF stations. The following three stations need work: Kenwood 520, ICOM 736, and Kenwood 850. The Kenwood 570 he recommends junking it. The Icom 765 and FT1000 Yaesu are in working order. He does not recommend going out and buying new radios given the budget the club has.

Brian KJ7OX is recommending from Dunestar filters a band stop filter that should work for taking care of our RF issues. The filter cost is approx. \$114.00 each. He recommends we try one to see if it will work for the club. Brian made a motion to buy a filter, Jeff seconded.

Good of the Order

Regarding the 2-meter repeater and a controller, Bob KB7ADO replaced the controller, and has made it where it is clean and is putting out about 24 watts out of duplexers. Bob recommends that it be used for local use only. The 900 repeater has been rebuilt and is back on the air.

Adjournment: Mike Bates N7DQ motioned to adjourn, Jeff KB7PMO seconded all in favor. Motion was carried and we adjourned at 20:05 hours.

Drawing: A total of \$38.00 dollars was received **Winner:** Mike KI7RSB received \$19.00.

Minutes report submitted by Secretary Liz Hazlewood KI7RSA