

Lower Columbia Amateur Radio Association Business Meeting Minutes for February 20, 2019

Meeting called to order 1900 hours

Attendance: Members 23 Visitors None

Pledge of Allegiance lead by: President, Ralph N2RJR

Minutes Report: January 2019 minutes read by Ralph N2RJR. Minutes approved by Jeff KB7PMO and Seconded by Mike H. KI7RSB.

Correspondence: None

Officer Reports:

• **Treasurer** – Not present

• **Trustee** – Updated application to change trustee on the call sign signed by the Trustee and President to send in. Also sending in change of the trustee for the coordinating body AARL.

• **Secretary** – Nothing new to report

• **ACS** – Randy NU7D thanks everybody for the Dialysis Transports. Logged in 468 miles and 85.5 hrs. in four days. Look forward to more drone activity after the weather gets better. Still need to go back up to Johnston Ridge. Saturday Feb. 23rd, there will be a presentation at Wahkiakum County in Cathlamet. For the SAR team, they want to see the Flir Drone and see what it looks like from the air to see how people show up and see some grid search patterns.

Old Business:

501c3 – Holding off with update at this time. Side note: The 501c3 will be for ACS. This process will take some time to be completed and could be up to a year.

HF stations – Earl N3EG took the 736 ICOM and repaired it and its back at the club. Brian meet on HF Steve Strickland (in Rose Valley) KJ7NE who built a test band stop filter (at no cost) for the club so we now have two band stop filters. The filters are doing the job. Randy NU7D and Brian KJ7OX have been talking about getting two more filters. The HF stations in need of work are in the process of being repaired. Once they are fixed the club will have 5 working HF stations. The Club has an amplifier for sale. Once sold the proceeds for the sale will be applied toward purchase of additional equipment. Jeff KB7PMO motioned to sell, Mike H. KI7RSB seconded.

Field Day – Randy will get with Kevin regarding the information needed.

Rest Stop Fund Raiser – Carl K7ECW and Randy NU7D went to Chehalis and obtained two coffee stop permits for Southbound I-5. They are April 8 -10 and Sept 11 -13 from 8am – 8pm. Three 4 hour shifts with two people per shift. We need 18 people to commit and sign up for a 4 hour shift. Lloyd W7KDG will head up getting things put together. Carl needs to have people signed up by the March business meeting. Those interested in helping please contact Lloyd W7KDG or Carl K7ECW.

AGR – Monitor is on order and just waiting for it to arrive.

New Business:

Antennas – Kevin KC6FLG and Brian KJ7OX have been looking over the antennas and see there are some needing to be taken down. Kevin would like to acquire two multi-band antennas for the club to repurpose for the VHF station. Kevin is also planning to donate some antennas. i.e. Replace the 6 meter with M square 6 meter yagi. Anyone with special antennas up at the club please let Kevin know so they can be inventoried and not taken down if they are in use. The plan is to consolidate the antenna points to be more efficient.

Internet – Kevin has been in contact with our internet provider and has obtained the IP address. This information will be available for club members if something happens to him.

Remote Control Radio – Using an ICOM 7100 along with a computer, Kevin gave a short demo on how this would work for club members to connect to a radio at the club using a computer from their home. A complete demo will be done later on by Kevin.

Good of the Order:

Contacting Engineer of KBAM – Kevin would like to talk with the engineer of KBAM to get an open dialog going. He believes getting on good terms by showing them the club is an asset for the property would be good. Club approved Kevin going ahead and getting in contact.

Cleaning up the Building and Property – Several members talked about fixing up the building outside and inside. i.e. painting outside, cleaning up the inside and getting rid of items no longer needed.

Keying up the Repeater – Remember to give your call sign when keying up the repeater.

Adjournment: Lloyd W7KDG motioned, Stu K7WF seconded, All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 20:08 hrs.

50/50 Drawing: \$49.00 received

Winner: Ralph N2RJR received \$24.50. He donated back to the club towards purchase of equipment.

Minutes report submitted by Secretary Liz Hazlewood KI7RSA