

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

Meeting called to order 19:05 hours

Attendance: Members 21 Visitors None

Pledge of Allegiance lead by: President, Ralph N2RJR

Minutes Report: February 2019 minutes read by Ralph N2RJR. Minutes approved by Brian KJ7OX and Seconded by Mike H. KI7RSB.

Correspondence: 7 QSL cards. JJ W7BO asked who the QSL card manager is. Kevin KC6LFG is thinking about taking it on.

Officer Reports:

- **Treasurer** – Account is in good standing, PUD is high, this bill should come down as weather warms up. A bill for the club PO Box was paid in full for the year. Jeff KJ6ETR motioned and Jeff KB7PMO seconded. All bills are paid. Investment fund will have the updated names
- **Trustee** – Kevin KC6LFG received the updated license with his name as Trustee. The updated license will be posted at the Club, Woodland repeater & the Rainier repeater. This will keep us legal.
- **Secretary** – Nothing new to report
- **ACS – Update on 501c3 for ACS:** Received information from the attorney ACS has hired. Carl K7ECW and Randy NU7D made some corrections and sent it back to the attorney. He accepted some of the corrections and had some additional questions. The attorney is currently waiting for a response from Carl and Randy. Randy plans to accept everything in hopes of cutting down the cost. At this time ACS has paid out \$1,565.00 to set up the 501c3 and the process is only half way done. Completing this could run into next year.

Donated Equipment – Club received donated equipment from Weyerhaeuser radio. Kevin will look over the equipment to determine if we should keep, sell or toss. Money for anything sold will be put into the club. The donated filing cabinets were sold for \$35.00.

Property Work Party – April 6th Randy will have a work day at the club. He is encouraging all who can, to come up to the club and help clean out and clean up the place. It has been over 2 years since the last clean up.

UAS Mission – They have been doing quite a bit at the shooting range up In Castle Rock. Pictures will be sent to Wally to place on ACS web page. Randy is thinking of sharing the pictures on the monitors at our next meeting.

APRS Station – Bill KB7CZ has the APRS monitor running. Instructions on how to work it have been left at the club.

Old Business:

Field Day – Original site talked about did not work out. Club will need to continue looking for a site.

Rest Stop Fund Raiser April 8, 9, & 10 – Lloyd has gathered items needed for the coffee stop. Still need to buy, i.e. cookies, hot chocolate, creamer, and dish soap. \$50 should do it. Sign up list on the white board and slots need to be filled. Kevin is offering to house the supplies in his shed at his place in the evenings so nothing is left at the rest stop site. Please contact Lloyd and check to see what times still need to be covered.

Cleaning up the Building and Property – Randy touched on this in the officer report for ACS and this is also discussed under the Good of the Order.

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

New Business:

VHF/ARRL Contest – Kevin plans to run the VHF/ARRL contest from the club. He has been working on rebuilding the needed antennas and VHF stations for the upcoming contest. The contest will be June 8th through the 10th. This will be good experience for people who have tech licenses and any club members interested in participating. Kevin has every intention of getting W7DG on the air for this contest. Additional information to follow.

Good of the Order:

Antenna – Several club members continue to work the antennas. The 80 meter dipole is working. The 40 meter dipole has been reconfigured for an inverted V. It still needs some work. Brian would like to propose getting a good quality high current high voltage CHOKE to put into series along with the 4 band pass filters. Triband antenna on the short tower has not worked for some time. Kevin and Brian worked on it and it is now working. It is quiet on 10 and 15, still a little noise on 20. The Club is now up to full capacity with HF antennas.

Heater Diffusers in Ceiling – Brian took them down because the heat is not moving down to the ground. He also took out the filter. It is now quicker to heat up the building. This should help lower the PUD bill.

Antenna Patch Panel – It is not effectively grounded. The thought is to create a better patch panel design that will be quieter.

APRS Station – It was interfering with the VFH stations. Brian turned it down to 25 watts. A filter was placed on it and was adjusted hoping that will help. When there is a VHF contest the unit will need to be turned off.

Money Request for Club Property Maintenance – Brian is requesting \$1,000.00 for the continued maintenance of the club property. After much discussion from the attending members, it was decided to create a committee for the maintenance projects of the property. Lloyd, will get with Kevin and Brian to put a list together. At the next business meeting, the club will make a decision on how to proceed.

John NO7B – Will be in Honduras, April 21st thru May 23rd on an HR5 station. John will be on the air transmitting around 12:00pm PST during this time. He will mostly be on band 20.

Adjournment: Lloyd W7KDG motioned, Jeff KB7PMO seconded, All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 20:16 hrs.

50/50 Drawing: \$45.00 received

Winner: Jim WE7JIM received \$23.00

Second Drawing: Kevin KC6FLG donated a dual-band MFJ to the club. Drawing brought in \$23.

Winner: Tim KJ7DXN won the antenna.

Minutes Report Submitted: by secretary Liz Hazlewood KI7RSA on March 30, 2019.