

Lower Columbia Amateur Radio Association Business Meeting

Minutes for April 18, 2019

Meeting called to order 19:00 hours

Attendance: Members 19 Visitors 1 John Ackerson KI4YBE became a member tonight.
Welcome John!

Pledge of Allegiance lead by: President, Ralph N2RJR

Minutes Report: March 2019 minutes read by Ralph N2RJR. Minutes approved by Jeff KB7PMO and Seconded by Stan KF7CVR.

Correspondence: None

Before officer reports, Brian KJ7OX with Ralphs N2RJR permission passed out pledge papers requesting the attending members place a pledge amount to be added up at the end of the meeting. This \$ amount would be used towards the purchase of the proposed Icom 7300, antennas, supplies.

Officer Reports:

- **Treasurer** – Club accounts are currently in good standing.
- **Trustee** – Kevin KC6LFG has made contact with the regional engineer of KBAM. A positive rapport has been established with the engineer. The club should have no concerns about having to move at this time. After talking with him, he has given permission to changing out and putting up new antennas. He said that 40 meters and up can be put up without approval from him. There was also talk about painting both buildings.
- **Secretary** – Nothing new to report
- **ACS** – Randy NU7D had a couple sign-up sheets for Blooms to Brew and Tour de Blast. Need t-shirt sizes for the Tour de Blast volunteer's. Please contact Randy asap.

501(c) 3 – Met with the lawyers' assistant this Thursday. Randy and Carl need to put their signatures on the articles of corporation and by-laws. IRS 1023 form had some comments and Randy will go through and correct them, hopefully he can do it in one fell swoop and be done with it.

Positive Impact meeting scheduled for April 20th at 10 am. Randy is interested in discussing upcoming projects. This meeting will discuss what the project is, who is managing it, how long to complete, and anything needed for the project. Then the project will be placed on a priority list.

Girl Scout jamboree, asked about helping with that. It is Saturday April 27th. It is out at Camp Wintergreen up on Mill Creek. At the time of this business meeting Randy had enough people to help.

First Aid/CPR/AED training, May 1st. from 1pm to 4pm. Location will be the general meeting room at the old court house up on the 3rd floor. If interested please let Randy know. If you do sign up, make sure you attend the training. **If you sign up and do not show you will be charged \$45 for the training.** So make sure you show.

ELT practice with Civil Air Patrol possible May 4th. Randy will get more information on the time they want to start.

Next ACS meeting Randy will bring a thank you card for the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on April 17th and have the members who attended sign it.

Watch and read the weekly email Randy puts out to know what is going on.

Old Business:

Field Day – Original site talked about did not work out. Harry Gardner Park in Toutle has been mentioned as a possible site. Kevin KC6LFG will check it out.

Rest Stop Fund Raiser – The rest stop made approx. \$304.04. The next time we will be doing this is September. We need to have club members step up and volunteer for this.

Duct work for the heating system in the building – Brian found the crawl space in the attic and found empty boxes and put them into the garbage. Kevin noticed heat coming from the attic. Brian will look into that to see what is going on.

Ongoing cleanup of the Building and Property – There was a work party on April 13th. Quite a bit of old items were taken out. A dozen people showed up for the work party. Randy brought up a trailer and hauled metal out and was able to get \$100.00. Items not worth anything were taken to the dump.

Radio update – Kenwood TS-850 & Icom 736 have issues relating to 10/12/15 meters not functioning. Earl N3EG has volunteered to check them out. The Yaesu FT-1000D is down to less than half power on 50/80 meters. The club at this time has 2 working HF radios. The Kenwood TS-520, technically not owned by club, and the Icom 7100 which we just bought. Proposing the club consider purchasing an Icom 7300. Approx. \$1,000 for radio

Antennas – Need to remove the old repeater vertical & cut down the length of mast above the big triband beam. Removing the 25 year old coax to that antenna will take weight from the tower. New additional wire antennas are in the planning stages. Two high band VHF verticals formally used by Fire & Police will be taken down. New dual-band/tri-band verticals will take their place. All VHF and above antennas have been removed from the short tower in preparation for this work. The triband vertical mentioned can take the place of the existing tall VHF old repeater vertical, existing 220 and 440 verticals. A triplexer has already been purchased by a club member. This would remove 3 antennas and their coaxes in favor of the one for simultaneous repeater use. Approx. \$160 for a vertical Antenna

Supplies – Brian has received a quote for 500ft roll of LMR-400 coax. New coax is needed to replace the existing older coax runs. Additional supplies are connectors, heavy UV resistant zip ties and other associated items need for installing antennas and feedlines. Approx. \$477 for coax

Short tower project/noise interference – Noise first thought to be short tower related. After investigation and tower bonding at each section as well as two 60 buried radials all attached to an 8ft ground rod were installed, the noise problem was still present. KBAM is not the problem either due to the installation of 4 filters which has virtually eliminated them on HF. The noise is coming from the cabling used for the Internet and the security camera. We have received shielded cable for testing on the internet and an offer for more for the Camera.

Funding request – Brian KJ7OX is requesting \$2,000.00 for the Icom 7300, one new antenna, coax, and supplies for connection. Lloyd W7KDG motioned for the funds and Jeff KB7PMO seconded. Requested funds approved. Pledged amount from the attending members totaled \$1,040.00.

New Business:

AED/First Aid Kits – Mike KI7RSB brought up the fact that there are no first aid kits or an AED at the club. Kevin KC7FLG agreed that a first aid kit is needed. Rick WA7NWN will check to see what Mallory company has. AED will also be looked into.

Fire Alarm – At this time there is no alarm system.

Fire extinguishers – need to be inspected.

The directors are encouraged to look in to these items.

Good of the Order:

Neighbor – Brian was able to talk to him and asked if he would mind taking down four trees. He had no problem with that and cut them down. He also keeps an eye on our club property. So we are in good standing with the neighbor.

The 14517 is off the air at this time.

Club would like to encourage members to bring people who are interested in Ham Radio up to the meetings.

Next VE testing will be May 11, 2019

Adjournment: Stan KF7CVR motioned, Jeff KB7PMO seconded, All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 20:27 hrs.

50/50 Drawing: \$34.00 received

Winner: Stan KF7CVR received \$17.00, he donated it back to the club.

Minutes Report Submitted: by secretary Liz Hazlewood KI7RSA.