

Lower Columbia Amateur Radio Association

Business Meeting Minutes for May 15, 2019

Meeting called to order 19:00 hours

Attendance: Members 22 Visitors 0

Pledge of Allegiance lead by: President, Ralph N2RJR

Minutes Report: April 2019 minutes JJ W7BO motioned for approval and Seconded by Stan KF7CVR. All in favor. April 2019 minutes approved.

Correspondence: Kevin KC6FLG will be QSL card manager. SASE card will be taken care of by Brian KJ7OX.

Officer Reports:

- **Treasurer** – Club accounts are currently in good standing. Statements for the 7300 and coax cable received. Electric bill was lower. Water bill went up. Attending members at business meeting in April, pledged \$1290 to go toward new equipment. \$1185 has been collected at time of this meeting.
- **Trustee** – Kevin KC6LFG indicates there are no problems at this time. We have a 6 meter duplexer Kevin will be converting with the coordinating efforts of the KBAM engineer. The 6 meter repeater will probably be placed up at the Mtn. Brynion site. Not sure what call sign will be used.
- **Secretary** – Nothing new to report
- **ACS** – Randy NU7D, Blooms to Brew went very smooth. The 144.40 simplex works well in Woodland.

ELT practice May 18th –, Randy NU7D will email the time they want to start at the club.

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

Old Business:

Field Day – Will be at the Club this year. Field day date is June 22 – 23rd.

VHF/ARRL contest – Kevin KC6LFG is still planning it.

Remote control radio – Still functioning on VHF level, have not moved to the HF level yet. Kevin is still investigating some ways to remotely separate the coax from the antennas so we do not take on lightning strikes. This is still a work in progress.

Duct work for the heating system in the building – Jim WE7JIM has taken on this project.

First Aid Kits & Fire extinguishers – Stan KF7CVR will check with Mallory regarding the first aid kit. He will also look into either having the two extinguishers at the club inspected or buying new ones for the club. Need to make sure extinguishers are ABC.

AED – JJ W7BO will check to see if one can be donated to the club.

Fire Alarm – Needs to be looked into.

Radio station update – The club has one new Icom 7300 and will have another 7300 by the end of the week. Earl N3EG worked on the Icom 736 and has brought it back and is functioning. Tim (guest speaker from Vancouver radio club) is looking at the Kenwood TS-850. If Tim is able to fix the Kenwood, this will give the club 6 fully functioning HF stations. Digital HF use will be encouraged on the older stations only. The use of digital HF on the new stations will be discouraged.

Antennas – LMR-400 coax has arrived and tower work will be planned soon for coax replacement to some antennas. Some antennas will come down or repositioned. There is a plan to replace the 40 meter dipole with a 40/17 meter delta sky-loop at about 40-50ft above the lower yard. A triband vertical has been donated by Randy NU7D for our consolidation of the 2 in house club repeaters to one antenna. Bob KB7ADO has purchased and donated a triplexer for the effort.

New Business:

Insurance – Need to update the current insurance to include the new equipment. JJ W7BO will apply the new equipment to the insurance and take the old equipment off.

New Security Lock for Door – Club will need to purchase a new security lock for the entry door. Old one fell apart. Randy motioned that the club move towards the purchase of a new entry door lock. There was much discussion among attending members on the type of lock to buy. Three members indicated they would look into this. Lloyd W7KDG felt that the door lock should be taken care of right away. Attending members agreed. Cost for the new lock was discussed, Mike KI7RSB motioned for up to \$1500 be taken out of the cash account to buy a new door lock. Stu K7WF seconded. All in favor.

Password responsibility – After much discussion by the attending club members on who should be responsible for the passwords, Jeff KB7PMO motioned that the current Trustee and Treasurer be responsible for putting passwords into the new security lock. Mike KI7RSB seconded. All in favor.

Dues increase – Proposed by Brian KJ7OX to increase the yearly dues by \$5.00. This can be discussed as the year progresses. No motion was made.

Donated funds – Jeff KJ6ETR motioned that the received \$1185 donated funds be made available for the purchase of the additional radio equipment. Jeff KB7PMO seconded the motion. All in favor.

Computers – Bob KB7ADO has donated a Windows 10 desktop with accessories. Brian KJ7OX has donated a Windows 10 laptop. Brian recommends that the two outdated xp laptops be sold.

Old equipment – Selling radio equipment, and accessories on club table. Steve KN7SLR motioned for selling equipment. Mike KI7RSB seconded. All in favor. Money collected will go into the equipment fund. Club had a silent auction to sell these items and JJ W7BO won the silent bid. All the old equipment has been disposed of.

Good of the Order:

W7DG labels – Jeff KB7PMO has made reflective labels he is donating to the club.

Antenna party – Kevin is hoping to have an antenna party this weekend.

Adjournment: Stu K7WF motioned, Jeff KB7PMO seconded, All in favor.

Meeting adjourned: 19:54 hrs.

50/50 Drawing: \$33.00 received

Winner: Mike KI7RSB received \$17.00,

Minutes Report Submitted: by secretary Liz Hazlewood KI7RSA.