

Lower Columbia Amateur Radio Association

Business Meeting Minutes for August 21, 2019

Meeting called to order 19:00 hours

Attendance: Members 17 Visitors 2 George KG7NQQZ and Darin KJ7IOD

Pledge of Allegiance lead by: President, Ralph N2RJR

Correspondence: Nothing mentioned

Officer Reports:

- **Treasurer** – JJ W7BO – Received the requested money from the financials. Also have the rebate from one of the new ICOM's bought earlier this year. We have a new member Tim KI7FBQ, he paid 3 years of dues plus a \$10 donation for the club. Pledged amounts are up to date. PUD bill is \$68.05, Beacon Hill water is \$35.34.
- **Trustee** – Kevin KC6FLG – planning on a work shop sometime in the future to train interested members on how the new equipment works.
- **Secretary** – Nothing to report at this time.
- **ACS** – Jeff KB7PMO talked about the two missions up at Toutle, WA with the CAP and ELT team which was very successful. Ralph N2RJR and Jeff KJ6ETR were in the com van doing the plotting. Connie KB7AYY and Jeff KB7PMO were at the Toutle, Fire Station for their open house. While there, the Toutle Fire Commissioner and Fire Chief came over to talk with Jeff regarding the number of HAMS in that area and they asked if the club would be interested in helping them set up a repeater system similar to what is set up in Woodland, WA.

Brew Fest in Kalama, the drone team was asked to help monitor the parking and crowd. This worked out very well. Kalama also had the drone team come down and help out with the car show. This too went well so Kalama plans to ask ACS to help out in the future.

Old Business:

Minutes Report – July 2019 minutes Jeff KB7PMO motioned for approval and Mike KI7RSB seconded. All in favor. July 2019 minutes approved.

Coffee Stop – Will proceed. **September 11 – 13th from 8am – 8pm**

Painting of the property buildings – With all the other current projects this will be tabled until next Spring. JJ has offered 45 gallons of paint that needs color added for this project. Buildings will be painted the current color. The offer from Jeff KB7PMO to use his power washer still stands.

Shed – Lloyd W7KDG, after additional research of the current shed, recommends the shed be replaced with a 20ft shipping container. Lloyd found one on line for \$2,350. George KG7NQZ indicated that his son might be able to get the club one for less. After much discussion, Brian KJ7OX motioned for a max of \$2500 to be taken out of the mutual funds to cover the purchase of a 20ft shipping container. Lloyd seconded, all in favor. Motion approved.

14726 machine – Brian KJ7OX said we are still waiting for some feedback from a group of people Bob KB7ADO has been in contact with. It is beneficial for the club to sell this equipment.

New Business:

Kenwood TS850 – Tim KI7FBQ has worked on getting this equipment back up and running. Thank you Tim.

HF Beam – Brian KJ7OX said there is still some work to be done up on the tower. The new vertical still needs to get up, and Brian KJ7OX has a new plan on getting the old vertical down. The coax cable still needs to be put up and the antenna projects that have been ongoing throughout the Summer need to get completed before the nice weather ends.

HF Digital – Plans are in the works to have two radios set up for HF digital use.

Hosting Events – there is interest in hosting other HAM clubs for special events.

HF Triplexer – Brian KJ7OX is requesting the two \$100 rebates from the new ICOMS be used to fund a triplexer. Lloyd W7KDG motioned for rebate to be used. Jeff KB7PMO seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

Old coax – Attending members agreed to scrap it.

Good of the Order:

Digital Repeaters – Those who are interested in having a digital repeater are encouraged to form a committee and present to the club a proposal.

Adjournment: Lloyd W7KDG motioned, Jeff KB7PMO seconded. All in favor. Motion approved

Meeting adjourned: 20:00 hrs.

50/50 Drawing: \$29.00 received

Winner: JJ W7BO received \$14.00.

Minutes Report Submitted: by secretary Liz Hazlewood KI7RSA.