

Lower Columbia Amateur Radio Association

Business Meeting Minutes for September 18, 2019

Meeting called to order 19:00 hours

Attendance: Members 26 Visitors 1

Pledge of Allegiance lead by: President, Ralph N2RJR

Correspondence: Nothing mentioned

Officer Reports:

- **Treasurer** – JJ W7BO – All accounts are in good standing. PUD bill is \$64.05, Beacon Hill water is \$32.70. Billing for Ham radio insurance came in and JJ will get the insurance policy updated by taking off old equipment and adding the new equipment bought in 2019.
- **Trustee** – Kevin KC6FLG, September 14th the Club participated in the VHF contest and scored 880 points. September 21st will be the Salmon run contest of which the club has won in the past. Club stations are up and running.
- **Secretary** – Nothing to report at this time.
- **ACS** – Randy NU7D, ELT training on 9-21-19. There might be up to 3 from CAP participating along with a possible CAP and UAS team coming from the Snohomish County. They plan to pick ACS's brains for UALS activities to use as a recruitment tool. Those who participated in this training met at the training center at the south end of the Hall of Justice on the dike. Watch for Randy's emails regarding all upcoming actives.

Old Business:

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

Coffee Stop – Donations totaled \$408.15 after cost of supplies. Club will do more. Lloyd W7KDG booked two more spots for March and April of 2020. Lloyd thanks all who participated.

Shed replaced with a shipping container – We now have a 20ft container at the club. Work is still being done to make it stable for use. Cost of the container was \$1900 with the help of our new member George KG7NQZ. Once the container is stable the old shed will be emptied and removed.

Club house clean up – Brian KJ7OX and other club members have continued with the club house clean up. Entry way has been cleaned up. Members coming to the club house are encouraged to keep that area cleaned.

Tower issues – Brian KJ7OX is working on the big vertical, the mast which is frozen in place, and the beam. Brian is currently seeking opinions and recommendations from several sources to determine the best way to bring things down safely. We have the opportunity to get a relatively new KT34. The existing Mosley needs some maintenance. If and when we are able to clear the top of the tower, do maintenance on the Mosley and receive the KT34, we could have a 4 element flame thrower on top, and move the other 4 element onto the short tower in place of the current 3 element. If we are unable to complete these items at this time, the club is still able to be on the air for upcoming contests.

Station Shelves – Lloyd is building radio shelves. This is helping to make the stations more efficient.

Heat Diffusers – These are being worked on. It has been mentioned that the heater be programmed to 50 degrees while building is empty.

Clubs working together – LCARA is interested in inviting other clubs to participate with us in upcoming contests. The Clark County Club has been invited to come up and we are reaching out to other clubs as well.

Digital systems – Requesting interested members to submit a proposal to the club. The proposal would spell out all aspects required to set up a digital system, what equipment is needed, what site would be utilized, coordination with in place systems, and the costs involved in doing all of this.

New Business:

Salmon Run Contest – Contest is about making contact with all 39 counties of Washington State. The Club won this in 2015 and 2016 we hope the club can do it again in 2019. Contest starts Saturday Sept. 21st at 9 am to midnight and Sunday Sept. 22nd, 9 am and ends at 5pm.

Association By-Laws – Ralph N2RJR is requesting the by-laws be open for amendment. The current by-laws are out of currency and require updating. Carl K7ECW told the attending members that before the by-laws can be changed it has to be announced at three business meetings. September business meeting is the first announcement. At the October business meeting there will be discussion about the suggested changes. In November we will vote on those changes. Members are encouraged to look at the by-laws on the clubs web page. If anyone has suggestions they are to email to Liz KI7RSA at eihazlewood4113@msn.com or Ralph N2RJR krabbykraut@gmail.com those requests. Please make the suggestions by October 9th. Ralph N2RJR motioned for the by-laws to be opened. Jim WE7JIM seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

Good of the Order:

VE Training Manuals – Jeff KB7PMO is donating to the club two complete sets of books for those interested.

Controller & Rotators – Carl K7ECW bought a bag of controllers along with some rotators. They are available for those in the club in need.

Sons of American Revolution – Carl K7ECW presented to Jim WE7JIM and Allison Peters a certificate for flying the American Flag all year.

Dues Increase – Brian KI7OX put a motion to the attending members to increase the membership dues by \$5.00. Jeff KB7PMO seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

Membership dues – Reminder, membership dues are due no later than January 31st.

Mtn. St. Helens 40th Anniversary – Bob KB7ADO is wondering if the club might be interested in holding a special event station up at the mountain for the 40th anniversary.

Adjournment: JJ W7BO motioned, Mike KI7RSB seconded. All in favor. Motion approved

Meeting adjourned: 20:00 hrs.

50/50 Drawing: \$45.00 received

Winner: Jim WE7JIM received \$22.00.

Minutes Report Submitted: by secretary Liz Hazlewood KI7RSA.