

# *Lower Columbia Amateur Radio Association*

## Business Meeting Minutes for January 22, 2020

**Meeting called to order** 19:01 hours

**Attendance:** Members 23 Visitor 1, from Longview, WA

**Pledge of Allegiance lead by:** President, Ralph N2RJR

**Correspondence:** None

### **Officer Reports:**

- **Treasurer** – Glen N7UIG, is our new Treasurer and is still in the transitional stage of taking over the position and consolidating the files and accounts from JJ Burke W7BO, our outgoing Treasurer. Glen N7UIG, put together a brief video presentation to show our expenses/incomes from December of last year. Not enough information was available to present a full blown budget for this year. He was able to show a rough estimate of known monthly expenditures. Certain items are on hold until the Officers/Directors have signed the appropriate paperwork at the bank, allowing LCARA the freedom to move forward.
- **Trustee** – Kevin KC6FLG, will be renewing the coordinations for our repeaters that expire this month. The two (2) meter repeater located at the Clubhouse has been updated with an actual repeater that now has a new frequency. 147.100 +shift PL 114.8. He is also working on a six (6) meter duplexer and plans to have in the future a six (6) meter repeater operating in support of the Club. Work is proceeding on a Club Fusion digital repeater that will be operating in digital mode only. Kevin KC6FLG, is hoping to have both of these repeaters online by Spring of this year.  
Our subscription to LOTW (Log of the World) has been renewed. All contesting can now be submitted and will be compatible with the rest of the world.
- **Secretary** – Not present, so nothing to report at this time.
- **ACS** – Randy NU7D, the Walk and Knock was another qualified success. Connie KB7AYY, thanks all who participated in this worthwhile activity that benefits our community. Thanks to all members who participated in the communications exercise with the Hospital and clinics.

### **Old Business:**

**Minutes Report** – The minutes for November 2019 (no December meeting) were amended to specify the outgoing/incoming Officers due to banking requirements. Ralph N2RJR, amended the minutes. October minutes were approved.

**Clean up reminder** – When coming to the club house for any activity, please remember to clean up before you leave the club house.

### **New Business:**

**VE Test** – Scheduled for February 8<sup>th</sup>, 1000 – 1200 hrs. Details on the W7DG.ORG site.

**Social Media** – The defunct Twitter link has been removed from the web site.

**Coffee Stop** – We have two (2) coffee stops coming up soon. March 11, 12, 13 and April 8, 9 and 10. We need members to support these functions. This how we are funding the Club at this time. Members willing to donate coffee, sugar or creamer will be welcomed. Contac Lloyd W7KDG and arrange to get these items to him.

**Blooms to Brew** – JJ W7BO, informed us the Blooms to Brew event held in Woodland will be back again this year. Due to our involvement the past years, good chance we will be invited to assist. Updates will be posted, so please keep your calendars open.

**Auction** – Jim WE7JIM, shared an option used by a different club he belongs to. Sometime during the year, they will have an auction. This is within the club and not open to the public. On the assigned day members will bring any items they may wish to contribute. Items are not required to relate to the club's interests. As in an actual auction, items are presented one at a time and bid upon. All monies going to the club. Any items left once the auction has concluded go home with the original owner. Nothing is left at the auction site. Something to think about and it could be a lot of fun. It would not be open to the public, but one could always bring friends.

**Field Day** – Field Day, June 26, 27 and 28, will not conflict with Tour de Blast which will be the weekend prior. This means the Club membership as a whole, should be able to participate in some manner. We are still looking for a good site to operate from and are open to suggestions. Now is a good time to start getting your gear ready. Field Day itself is not the best of times for the first test/setup of your brand new or laying around for years whose-its and whats-its.

**HAMWAN.ORG** – Randy NU7D, related a request has been made to us to join the Hamwan family. If we did, our portion of the linked system would allow us to communicate within the I-5 corridor from Tacoma (ish) to Salem (ish). This is something the members should take the time to research a little and it will be discussed at future meetings. The link is the title.

**Work Parties** – Lloyd W7KDG, inquired about setting up a maintenance schedule for various repairs needed to be completed this year. For next meeting plan on discussing a schedule we can post at the Club showing proposed work parties and places to sign up to help out. We are at the end of January and Spring is peeking around the corner – Now is the time to plan.

**Signage** – John KJ7KMO, plus numerous other members have requested the Club to clearly mark our entrance to the property. We feel your pain. Really. Keep in mind we are a tenant on someone else's property. Our Host likes being low-key. Security wise, it is a good tool. We have decided to take action and now have a solution in the works.

**Repeater Etiquette** – Brian KJ7OX, shared some good points regarding etiquette and conduct while using the Club's repeaters. These points are relevant to Amateur Radio in general, but our repeaters were singled out because W7DG is responsible for the activities carried out on them. Briefly here are the points.

We are required to identify ourselves every ten (10) minutes.

Long drawn out conversations lasting 30 – 120 minutes. Take it to simplex or some other medium.

No obscene, indecent or profane language, innuendos or jokes. No political, religious or socially sensitive content.

Do not tell the world what another HAM has for equipment. If you want to let the whole world know about your personal possessions, go ahead, criminals are listening.

Do not tell the world that another HAM is out of town. Feel free to announce to the world whenever You are going out of town. Criminals are listening.

Use plain speech. Certain types of jargon are not for repeater use. People like to use "Q" codes. These codes are for HF communication, not repeaters. CB lingo is exactly what it implies. The list goes on and on.

### **Good of the Order:**

We should be giving positive feedback to Amateur Radio Operators. How do we learn? We learn by listening and doing what we see being done by the "Elmers". Elmers have the responsibility to educate the lower levels. It is not being done or at best, poorly. Instead, feedback will be given and within hours, those same individuals will be heard back on the same repeater, whining to the rabble.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made and approved.

**Meeting adjourned:** 2023 hrs.

**50/50 Drawing:** \$71.00 received. Mike Hazlewood KI7RSB, was the winner. He donated \$10.00 to the Clubs kitty.

**Minutes Report Submitted:** By President, Ralph N2RJR.