

Lower Columbia Amateur Radio Association

Business Meeting Minutes for February 19, 2020

Meeting called to order 19:00 hours

Attendance: Members 21 Visitor 1, Darin Enyeart, KJ7IOD, who rejoined tonight. Also 2 new members in attendance tonight are Toby, KA7JBW and Marc, NC7P

Pledge of Allegiance lead by: President, Ralph N2RJR

Correspondence: None

Officer Reports:

- **Treasurer** – Glen N7UIG, gave us an accounting of our check book balance. Then he presented a baseline budget for the year. Motion to accept, Stu, K7WF. Second, Brian, KJ7OX. Motion passed. Duly noted that budget will change throughout the year as income and expenses vary.
- **Trustee** – Kevin KC6FLG, nothing for tonight.
- **Secretary** – Carl, K7ECW, nothing for tonight.
- **ACS** – Randy NU7D, gave an accounting of which equipment, belonging to ACS and at which sites that he does maintenance checks on monthly and quarterly. LCARA needs to identify which equipment is ours and who is responsible for monthly/quarterly maintenance checks.
- Weather station works on Twitter but not W7DG.org
- Winlink- becoming more popular with Emergency Service groups for passing information. We need to identify which signal links are working properly and which radio they are assigned to. We need to get retrained on how to use Winlink so we can be of use during an emergency.

Old Business:

Minutes Report – The minutes for January 22, 2020 were amended to specify the proposed 6M repeater is to be located off site, not at the clubhouse. Motion to accept, Mike, K17RSB. Second, Lloyd, W7KDG.

New member forms – An adequate supply is located on the rack on the east wall of the clubhouse.

VE Session – February 8, 2020 yielded one new Tech, one new General, one new Extra and one new member.

FIELD DAY- June 26-28. Kevin, KC6FLG and Lloyd, W7KDG are leads. Need to know how many are planning to participate, but difficult to commit until a location is determined.

COFFEE STOP – Bob, KB7ADO, will work 12-4 shift with Rick, WA7NWN on Thursday, March 12, 2020.

WORK PROJECTS – Destroy old shed, make a burn pile out of it. Move any items of value to metal container. New roof on clubhouse, estimated cost \$2000.00.

ADDRESS SIGNS – Rick, WA7NWN, had blue signs with reflective numbers made to be placed on either side of the driveway to help newer members in locating access to the clubhouse.

New Business:

ADDRESS SIGNS – Brian, KJ7OX, suggested using 4” x 4” treated posts to attach the signs to, which would meet county break-away standards. Jim, WE7JIM, has 2 to donate for club usage.

CULVERT – Brian, KJ7OX, says county will replace culvert at entrance to driveway for free if we pay for the gravel and 20-30’ of 12” corrugated pipe. George, KG7NQZ, has pipe to donate. May be enough. If not, club to buy remaining culvert. Also purchase a full load of gravel and spread the unused gravel in the parking lot. Brian, KJ7OX to obtain permit and see about borrowing a friend’s excavator to finish what the county doesn’t do labor wise. May 2020 time frame. Depending on donations, cost estimated at \$200-\$500. Motion to do project, Lloyd, W7KDG. Second, Liz, KI7RSA.

INSURANCE – Liability: For 51 members, estimated cost \$240. Equipment: Brian, KJ7OX, has inventoried by digital photography all equipment and estimated value of \$24,000.00. Insurance is \$1.10 per thousand so should cost less than \$300. Glen, N7UIG, to pay.

SALE OF 6M DUPLEXER-- Frank Wolf mentioned to Bob, KB7ADO, that he would like to buy one of two 6M duplexers the club has. The amount of \$200 was offered and Kevin, KC6FLG, said that was a steal and that since he was the one modifying the duplexers, he should be the one to determine which one. Frank also wants to buy the old 26 repeater, but no price was mentioned. Motion to accept Franks offer and have Bob, KB7ADO broker a deal was made by Jeff, KB7PMO. Second, Earl, N3EG. Motion passed.

NAME TAGS – New members have commented on how hard it is to get to know people by name. Since all of us have clothing items, hats, shirts, even said name tags with our name and call signs on them, it was suggested that we should make a concerted effort to wear such identifying apparel to the meetings. No motion made, just do it.

DOOR CODES – After a new member has been with us 3 months, they may receive a door code with approval from the E Board. Such is stated in the by-laws so everyone, especially new members are encouraged to study the by-laws frequently.

ROSTER – A request was made for a list of members names and call signs. There is reluctance on behalf of the E Board to share a roster with everyone’s personal and private information with everyone else. Ralph, N2RJR, will make a Name/Call sign list available to all members via email.

Good of the Order:

International DX– PhoneContest March 7-8. If you would like to participate at the clubhouse, contact Bob, KB7ADO.

HRO does price matching on HAM gear with competitors. Check it out.

VP8PI, an expedition to Antarctica, and a desirable but difficult to achieve contact will be operating February 21-March 6 on many bands.

An inquiry was made about upgrading the internet. For the moment, it's on hold while being studied by the E Board.

Members reminded about proper etiquette while using the club's 26 repeater. Please refrain from long drawn out conversations which might discourage others trying to use the repeater. If you desire an extended conversation with another operator, switch to a simplex frequency.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Mike, KI7RSB. Second, Liz, KI7RSA. One would think they wanted to go home. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned: 2015 hrs.

50/50 Drawing: \$50.00 received. George, KG7NQZ, was the winner. He donated \$25.00 to the Clubs kitty.

Minutes Report Respectively Submitted: By Secretary Carl, K7ECW.