

W7DP Meeting Minutes

03-14-16

Attendance:

KF7UNF Fred
KC7CCL Heidi
N7ACW Keith
W7UB Don
WA7LKF Mike/Robert
KC7FUZ Maynard
KG7PJD Harold
Kemp (not licensed yet)
KE5RGR Joe
AE5ZI Joe
W7CPG Earl
KF7WVQ Orie
KA7SIL Larry
Craig ____, formerly K7JYN (expired)

(14 in attendance)

Secretary's report:

Minutes of Feb. meeting read, 2nd and approved after corrections/additions.

Treasure's Report:

After income and paying bills, balance is \$1355.72 including petty cash. 2nd and approved

Building and Grounds:

No report

FCC rule of the month:

No report

Repeater Report:

No report

Health and Welfare:

- Brief reports provided on Lyle Hatley N7VPV, and Mable WB5AVH

ARES Report:

- Keith reported on the SET (simulated emergency test) held March 12, in which Jeff AL1Q, Brian KG7LYT, and Heidi KC7CCL participated. The training event/test was part of preparations for the major "Cascadia Rising" exercise that will be held later this year, and included participants from State EOC?, and many counties and districts throughout WA (and OR?) The W7DP clubhouse station was used as part of the exercise, as was the Walla Walla Co. EOC, plus the Dist. Em. Coord. (Heidi KC7CCL) working off-site from home station. HF and VHF frequencies were used for voice, and for digital modes. Several written documents were sent between local participants, and to various other locations via 2m and HF digital modes.
- April 15 and 17, ARES will be supporting the annual Tour of Walla Walla bicycle races, and operators are needed. Next ARES meeting will be prep for races.

VE:

- Next VE session will be April 24th (change of week due to ToWW bike races)

Announcements:

-Heidi KC7CCL HF antenna down, in preparation for re-roofing, antenna will remain down until roof completed and volunteer work party available to re-install. (best dual-band antenna down as well, but still have a small outdoor antenna to use)

-Fred KF7UNF tried to work a Russian station recently, but not quite able to finalize the contact.

Old Business:

Reviewed possibility that club will participate with National Parks On The Air sometime this year, during good weather. There seemed to be definite interest, and options for portable HF and VHF stations complete with antennas and power, were discussed. Still need someone to "take the lead", verify "rules" and other prep work, including coordination/authorization from Whitman Mission, and need come up with at least one first and second choice for date/group of dates for operation.

New Business:

none

Show and Tell:

- Keith showed inside of heavy-duty tuner that had a capacitor fail, and the resulting "mess" inside the case.
- Fred showed a large album of his QSL cards, and invited members to take a closer look after meeting.

Education:

Keith N7ACW provided over-view of the club's Kenwood HF station, and various members contributed information on using that station, as well as operating HF in general. A quick demonstration of the radio on-air was included, but individual members did not actually "open" the station or operate the radio, due to time constraints. Members were encouraged to take advantage of scheduled and "impromptu" events operating from the W7DP clubhouse in order to obtain coaching/"Elmering" from other members, get actual hands-on experience with the station and HF in general, and learn more about working contests/events.

meeting adjourned at 2012

Respectfully submitted, Heidi KC7CCL, Secretary