

## **W7DP Meeting Minutes**

**07-11-16**

### **Attendance:**

KF7UNF Fred  
KC7CCL Heidi  
N7ACW Keith  
W7UB Don  
WA7LKF Mike/Robert  
KC7FUZ Maynard  
Craig Baker (formerly K7JYN expired?)  
KC7ZMT Robert  
AL1Q Jeff  
KC7JIX Dave  
KF7WVQ Ori  
K7MAT Todd

(12 in attendance)

### **Secretary's report:**

Keith N7ACW took minutes of June meeting, and read them. 2nd and approved

### **Treasure's Report:**

After income and paying bills, balance is \$1266.29 including petty cash. 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved

### **Building and Grounds:**

No report

### **Repeater Report:**

-Jeff AL1Q switched out the packet node, checked overall site, grass/brush around building OK.  
-There have been occasional strange static noises, "going wacky", from the linked side of the system, linked turned off during those times.  
-On 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, someone had a stuck microphone on the 146.96 rpt for extended time, (NOT linked side) resulting in repeater timing out, and beyond.  
Reminder to monitor radio display and location of microphone, condition of mic button etc.

### **Health and Welfare:**

- Jeff AL1Q reports Mable WB5AVH has been doing well after total knee surgery, cleared for all normal activities.

### **SK:**

Former club and ARES member Ralph Taylor N7LX became silent key recently. He had been very active with club and ARES activities until health issues created limitations. The last event he participated with was Christmas parade 2014?

### **ARES Report:**

Keith N7ACW reported HF gear has arrived at EOC, still need antenna "system", and will need permission from adjacent building(s) for installation of horizontal antennas. Planning to include 60m, but many challenges re: antennas at that location and part of town.

### **VE:**

- Next VE session will be July 17 at 2 pm

### **Announcements:**

Todd K7MAT reported that the Amateur Radio Parity Act is going before full house committee on Wed., re: antenna restrictions with HOA's etc.

### **Old Business:**

Field Day 2016: Dave KC7JIX and others used the club station and set up Fred KF7UNF's vertical antenna temporarily, to participate in Field Day. Dave also brought his own HF radio and set it up as well. Dave & Jeff AL1Q reported mostly operating on 40 and 20 meters, Keith N7ACW reported on night shift activities. A total of 8 club members visited and/or operated during the day on Saturday, and Saturday night shifts.

### **New Business:**

Club members discussed and agreed on selecting weekend of Aug. 20 and 21 to participate in NPOTA (National Parks on the Air) at Whitman Mission. Fred KF7UNF agreed to contact the Mission officials for permission and any related details. Members suggested using areas near visitor center due to shade, trees for antennas, and easier/more access to participants and visitors.

- It was suggested we use the ARES generator, assuming generator will be allowed.
- Fred KF7UNF offered use of his vertical antenna, & the club/ARES portable sturdy tripod/mast unit will be useful as well.
- Folding table(s) and chairs will be needed, Keith N7ACW may have source/provide them, instead of heavy club tables etc.
- Paper or computer logbook will be needed, and EVENTUALLY all info will have to be loaded into Logbook of the World. Special password/access code will be obtained by a club officer or member.
- Will need letter from club trustee for use of club call for event

- Group decided to start setting up at 0730 each day, start operating by 0900, shut down operations at 1500 and start taking down.
- Will probably focus on 20 meter SSB operations
- Jeff AL1Q will create some paper signs/banner with club call, for operating site

**Show and Tell:**

Mike WA7LKF showed part of a Singer noise field detector, (which is old test gear with tubes etc)

**Education:**

Jeff AL1Q brought some components and explained more about "mesh net" and similar digital modes, benefits of directional and gain antennas, locations etc. "Mesh net" combines computer/internet components and ham radio to provide digital networks that could prove very useful for specialized communication teams within an area, for example.

**meeting adjourned** at 2001

Respectfully submitted, Heidi KC7CCL, Secretary