

W7DP Meeting Minutes

10-09-17

Attendance:

K7MAT Todd
KC7CCL Heidi
N7ACW Keith
AL1Q Jeff
KB7POT Mike
WA7LKF Mike
KI7ICA Dale
KC7EWJ Skip
KC7ZMT Robert
KR8D Mary
KR8C Thomas
KG7PJD Harold
N7DJE Timber
KC7USG Davina
(14 in attendance)

Secretary's report:

Sec. report for September was read, 2nd and approved

Treasure's Report:

Balance is \$718.88 including the \$40 petty cash.
2nd and approved.

Building and Grounds:

Per Jeff AL1Q, Dave will winterize sprinklers and bathroom soon.

Repeater Report:

Re: AL1Q repeaters, Jeff and Dave KC7JIX did some site maintenance, Dave trimmed brush around building, Jeff worked with computers and cables, and removed part of the old wood workbench to make room for the two prospective commercial repeaters that may be installed in the near future. Jeff also capped some bare copper wires he found after moving a cabinet, and made a safety cover to go over the bank of batteries used for backup power, utilizing lumber salvaged from the removed section of work bench.

Jeff reports there are still some issues with noise etc. on the N7LZM side of the linked 2m system, link still needs to be shut down on occasion.

Jeff still plans an antenna inspection work party when his tower climber is available, may replace one antenna if necessary, but doesn't think any antennas will need to be replaced until next spring.

Health and Welfare:

Rick KI7GBU's father passed away recently

ARES Report:

- Keith N7ACW reminded members of ARES meeting Oct. 16
- There will be a statewide WA Shake-Out exercise Oct 19
- Sat. Oct. 21 is the annual Flu Vaccine Clinic at St. Marys, ARES will support
- SET is scheduled for Sun. Oct. 22

VE:

The next VE session is Sun. Nov. 19 at 2 pm, Chen Chung (sp?) bldg. room 154, still \$15 to test.

Announcements:

Old Business:

- The study class for General license is still on-going on Tues. evenings

Club Tailgate hamfest planning included several members taking on various tasks for cleaning of clubhouse, providing supplies such as paper towels and TP, commitments to bring cookies, beverages, and other items to support the hamfest.

Setup will begin at 0800, sales beginning at 0900. The club will share some table space for club members that have just one or two items to sell, IF they donate \$5 to the club for the table space. A club member will oversee the club table(s) Members having several items to sell are asked to provide their own table/display area, and pay the same \$5 rental fee.

Donations gladly accepted for the club table, with all proceeds from sales going to the club.

New Business:

- Elections were held, after accepting additional nominations. Club officers for the coming year are:
Treasurer- Keith N7ACW
Secretary- Heidi KC7CCL
Vice Pres. – Timber N7DJE
President – Todd K7MAT

It was again discussed that members should continue learning more about the club, so that next year, they will have the knowledge and confidence to participate in leadership roles for activities and events, and consider running for a club officer position.

- Keith N7ACW donated a sturdy older wood desk for the club to sell at the tailgate hamfest. (Applicability of selling a desk at a hamfest, is because they make great operating stations or areas to solder and work on electronics projects.)

Show and Tell:

none

Door Prize drawings:

Todd K7MAT provided a card-sized survival tool to each attendee

Education:

Topic: how to use a manual trans-match, also sometimes called an antenna tuner
Keith provided 2 examples of manual trans-match units for attendees to see inner workings, provided handouts, and explained the most effective way to adjust for best-possible signals.

- Start with max capacitance, then work with inductance for max noise, starting with inductance at bottom/low end then moving up. Low inductance and high capacitance provides the widest functional area/band-width without having to re-tune when moving to other frequencies within that band

meeting adjourned at 2030

Respectfully submitted, Heidi KC7CCL, Secretary