

W7DP Meeting Minutes

09-11-17

Attendance:

K7MAT Todd
KC7CCL Heidi
N7ACW Keith
AL1Q Jeff
KB7POT Mike
WA7LKF Mike
KC7JIX Dave
KI7ICA Dale
KC7EWJ Skip
KC7ZMT Robert
KR8D Mary
(15 in attendance)

Secretary's report:

Sec. report for August was read, accepted with correction, 2nd and approved

Treasure's Report:

Balance is \$749.93 including the \$40 petty cash, after paying 3 bills.
2nd and approved.

Building and Grounds:

Dave reported the timer for water/sprinkler for lawns is "working", unknown if at scheduled times, but no problems noted.
Dave has mowed the lawn.

Repeater Report:

Re: AL1Q repeaters, all seems OK. HOWEVER, there have been a few malfunctions on the N7LZM side. When that occurs, Jeff turns the link off for awhile until problem resolves.

AL1Q is still planning a work party for site work, but is waiting until fire danger is reduced, and a tower climber is available.

Health and Welfare:

Local "ham" Rick KI7GBU's father is not doing well

ARES Report:

Keith N7ACW reports he and members are working on ideas for a SET (simulated emergency test) to be held in Oct.

Keith has been invited to join with others re: DEM flood-related exercises

VE:

The Aug. 20 VE session netted 2 new Techs, and one upgrade. Next VE session is Sun. Nov. 19 at 2 pm, Chen Chung (sp?) bldg. room 154, still \$15 to test.

Announcements:

Sat. Sept. 23 is the Spokane hamfest

There will be a WEC (Washington Emergency ^{Communications}) section work group in Tri-Cities re: preparations for emergencies and disasters, pre-made radio setups etc. (Keith)

Old Business:

Club Tailgate hamfest: After some discussion, it was decided to hold it on Sunday Oct. 15, from 0900 to 1500. Shopping is free, \$5 per vehicle or table to sell. There will be a table for the club, with items donated to sell, all proceeds going to the club. It was also suggested that one or more members provide home-baked cookies to sell, with all proceeds going to the club.

New Business:

Nominations for club officers for next year were accepted. Those wishing to volunteer to be on the slate for elections will gladly be accepted.

Current nominations are:

Treasurer- Keith N7ACW

Secretary- Heidi KC7CCL

Vice Pres. - Jeff AL1Q

President - Todd K7MAT

It was also 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.

Show and Tell:

Jeff AL1Q showed and explained a small dish (wi-fi) and information about it's use with mesh-net ham radio, with digital communication being relayed fairly short distances from dish to dish, similar in function to traditional repeaters, and reminded everyone that all ham radio rules apply to that form of communication.

WA7LKF Mike showed a hand-cranked coil winder

Door Prize drawings:

Todd K7MAT again provided a wide selection of new items such as small hand tools, to be given as door prizes. Winning ticket holders got to choose their prize from remaining items. Everyone in attendance received 2 prizes!

Education:

The first part of "education" was covered earlier in the evening, with information about the upcoming General license preparation classes to be held for 8 weeks starting Sept. 26. Classes will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the College Place fire department.

It was also mentioned that a General class license is required to take the AuxComm course that is being planned for Region 8 and beyond.

Jeff AL1Q and Keith N7ACW provided a brief over-view of what the Aux-Comm course is.

For the MAIN education topic, Keith N7ACW provided information and discussion re: propagation, and use of propagation charts as are found on many ham radio and technology sites (QRZ.com, ham club websites etc)

meeting adjurned at 2035

Respectfully submitted, Heidi KC7CCL, Secretary