

W7DP Meeting Minutes

08-14-17

Attendance:

K7MAT Todd
KC7CCL Heidi
N7ACW Keith
AL1Q Jeff
WB5AVH Mable
KB7POT Mike
WA7LKF Mike
W7UB Don
KC7JIX Dave
KG7PJD Harold
KI7TCA ? Dale
W7CPG Earl
KC7EWJ Skip
KI7AAN Craig
Bailey, not ham yet (visitor)
(15 in attendance)

Secretary's report:

Sec. report for July was read, amended by Keith N7ACW re: outdoor light, 2nd and approved

Treasure's Report:

Balance is \$856.95 including the \$40 petty cash, after paying bills.
2nd and approved.

Building and Grounds:

Dave reported the timer for water/sprinkler for lawns has been coming on at unusual times. He re-set it, will monitor.

Dave repaired a sprinkler head/pipe that had been broken, presumably by someone driving over it.

Keith N7ACW replaced the "bad" security light bulb with an energy-saving bulb.

replace fixture inch light sensor

Repeater Report:

Re: AL1Q repeaters, all seems OK. Nate's repeater seems to be working fine as well.

Rick Guse KI7GBU checked coverage from Table Rock area via simplex, with his hand-held radio set on 1 watt, with good success. He is considering placing a repeater at that site.

Lewis Peak Repeater Assn. is planning (or had?) an officers meeting. Reminder that Repeater dues are "due", \$15 individual, \$25 for family.

AL1Q is still planning a work party for site work, probably in Sept.

Health and Welfare:

No report

ARES Report:

Keith N7ACW reminded members to finish the ICS courses.

Keith is still planning to meet with WW Co. DEM re: training opportunities

Keith reminded those with HF radios/receivers to listen to WSEN, and to check in if possible

VE:

Next VE session Aug. 20, 2 pm, Chen Chung (sp?) bldg. room 154, still \$15 to test. The following VE session will be held Nov. 19, same time, same place.

Announcements:

Jeff AL1Q and Keith N7ACW are considering providing a series of classes for those interested in obtaining their General Class license. They inquired re: degree of interest, and what nights might work best. There seemed to be considerable interest in the class.

Follow-up re: General Class students: Reminder to obtain the NEW/Current book for studying.

As a reminder/heads-up: With the solar eclipse on Aug. 21, there could be a large influx of people within WA and OR, with all the associated challenges re: traffic, fuel availability, and large gatherings of people that may not be prepared for conditions.

Many emergency management and response folks are using the upcoming Eclipse, and current and potential wildfires as tools for emergency preparations and training.

There is an ARRL QSO party scheduled in conjunction with the eclipse, in part to evaluate effects on propagation.

Old Business:

none

New Business:

none

Show and Tell:

WA7LKF Mike showed a General Radio 740B (late WWII era) Capacitor meter

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 a prize

Education:

Keith N7ACW provided information and discussion re: amateur bands, and bandwidth available for the various license categories. He provided handouts of the current band plan, and addressed the many options available for ALL licensed hams, many of which are often overlooked. Some information on 75m propagation was also presented.

meeting adjourned at 20__?

Respectfully submitted, Heidi KC7CCL, Secretary