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### **Attendance:**

N7ACW Keith  
W7ZVD George  
K7RO Jon  
WA7LKF Mike and Friend  
KK6FGV Avis  
KC7USG Davena  
KI7LGV Evan  
AL1Q Jeff  
N7DJE Timber  
KC7ZMT Robert  
KB7POT Mikel  
W7UB Don  
KC7JIX Dave  
AA7MZ Darrell Felch

There were 14 members and 1 visitor in attendance.

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

The October minutes were read and accepted.

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### **Treasurer's report:**

Keith N7ACW reports that we have \$1988 dollars in the bank. There is \$40 in petty cash. Also an extra \$70 cash, and about \$25 in uncashed checks from dues. Reminded those who have not payed their dues to please do so.

Keith mentioned that he got his license renewal notification package from the ARRL (a benefit of membership). Along with the license renewal forms, it included a copy of the OET Bulletin 65, used to evaluate your station safety. It's required to review it when renewing your license.

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### **Building and Grounds:**

Dave KC7JIX reports that the water has been turned off, he raked up the leaves around the trees, and there is 10" of oil in the furnace tank.

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### **Repeater Report:**

Jeff AL1Q reports that the N7LZM repeater owner is looking into the noise problem. There has been no change in the status of the Lewis Peak repeater site's lease. He does not expect any changes over the winter. He did not get up to the site for a check before the snow.

Keith asked Jeff about the possibility of putting a digital packet node on the 440 band. Jeff said that because of the lack of internet access at the Lewis Peak site, and the uncertainty about the lease he does not want to pursue any upgrades to the site at this time. He does have ideas and plans for the future.

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## **Health and Welfare:**

George W7ZVD broke his arm.

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## **ARES Report:**

Keith reports that the the Simulated Emergency Test was held on Sunday, the 6th of October. Five teams participated: four teams of two and one singleton. They used both the AL1Q repeater and simplex to pass traffic. It was longer than expected. Tips/review included: penmanship, and message dictation speed and pace.

Jeff reported on the EOC to EOC exercise held Saturday, the 5th of October. They sent messages to the State EOC and co-ordinated with Benton and Franklin County EOCs on both Voice and packet. Four members participated.

The St. Mary's Flue Clinic is coming up the 26th of October.

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## **VE:**

The last local VE test session was the 20th of October.

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## **Announcements:**

George W7ZVD asked if anyone is interested in helping get his HF station operational again. He has a broken arm and needs help with the antenna. It has been down for a number of years. Next year is fine. Please contact him at 509-240-4378 or [w7zvd@yahoo.com](mailto:w7zvd@yahoo.com)

Jeff AL1Q announced that Bill Hanson, a former club member, has moved into a care facility. His family is selling his ham equipment. Please contact Jeff or Heidi Hoffer KC7CCL for more info. A PDF of images is available.

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## **Misc:**

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## **Old Business:**

Jeff AL1Q said that he is still in the process of setting up a monthly RTTY net on 10 Meters, 28.3 MHz. Its purpose is to get more people used to HF digital. Please contact Jeff for further info.

Don W7UB suggested we pick a day in the next couple of months for people to test their gear. An information/schedule will be posted to the WWARES page on groups.io.

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## **New Business:**

W7DP club officer elections were held. There was a last call for nominations. There were none. All current offices were re-elected unopposed by a show of hands.

President: N7DJE Timber Burton  
Vice President: KC7USG Davena Burton

Treasurer: N7ACW Keith Carlin  
Secretary: KB7POT Mikel Potts

Timber N7DJE brought up the possibility of changing meeting nights to a day other than Monday. There are two active amateurs in the area that would like to participate, but can not due to work/training conflicts. Tuesdays were suggested. Timber will continue gathering input on the proposal. Please email him with suggestions or comments. A vote may be held at the meeting next month.

There was also discussion on moving the Tuesday ARES Net to Monday to avoid conflict. That will be brought up and decided at the ARESs meetings if/when the club ends up moving it's date.

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### **Show and Tell:**

Robert KC7ZMT showed his new 10W Dual band ABBREE HT cross band radio that he purchased off eBay for \$100.

There was discussion about the problems and issues with some Chinese radios, legal, hardware, and licensing. Keith recommended that we look into making a list of recommended radios.

There was a brief discussion of the Yaesu FT-4X HT.

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### **Education:**

Timber talked about trouble shooting an interference problem he had in his vehicle. It turned out to be the USB charger for his phone and other devices. There was some discussion on how to solve the issue.

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### **Meeting adjourned:**

Meeting adjourned at 2016

Respectfully submitted, Mikel KB7POT, Secretary

