# **W7DP Meeting Minutes**

4-6-2021

#### Attendance:

KB7POT Mikel N7DJE Timber

AL1Q Jeff

KT7JE Davena

KC7WEZ Dave

KC7ZMT Robert

**KB3YLO** Lonnie

W7HJL Roy

KI7GBU Rick

KI7ICB Jason

KC7JIX Dave

K7RO Jon

N7DMR Kun

N7ACW Keith

N7AXU Jack (visitor)

KG7IYA Amy

Katherine

The meeting was called to order at 1900 by President Timber Burton. There were 14 members and 3 visitors present.

# Secretary's report:

There was no secretaries report.

## Treasurer's report:

Keith N7ACW reported that there is Bank: \$691.20 in the bank, \$100 in cash. There is one outgoing check for \$22.70 that has not been cashed. The final balance is \$768.50. Cash: 100.00

Timber N7DJE let everyone know that there is now a donation can for projects in the back.

## Building and Grounds:

Dave KC7JIX reports that he test ran the generator, water still needs to be turned on, and he will spray for weeds soon.

# Repeater Report:

Jeff AL1Q reports that the 146.96 repeater has multiple random kerchunking and N7LZM voice IDing. This seems to be caused by a new IRLP node that has been added to N7LZM, and being left up. If it is a problem you can temporarily take down the link. Code 883 turns off the link. Code 882 turns it on. 73 disconnects IRLP when on the N7LZM repeater.

Jeff is hoping to swap out some of the 2 Meter packet Radios by May.

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Timber N7DJE talked about new repeater(s) being installed on the N7NEO (C4FM) system.

#### Health and Welfare:

Jim KC7JIX's wife is having her leg X-rayed Jeff AL1Q is mostly recovered from an appendectomy and hernia surgery.

### **ARES Report:**

Keith N7ACW reports that ARES has been busy since January supporting the Vaccination Clinics at the county fairgrounds. He talked about the history of the events, our communication abilities, and our contributions.

Our contributions have been declining due to their improvement in communications. Keith wrote a letter to Emergency Management Director Liz Jessi recommending that we work with the leadership of the vaccine clinics to reduce and/or change how we support them.

The reply from Liz said she supported the ARES stepping back from supporting the clinics.

Keith will be having meeting with AECs to consider the changes needed.

ARES is looking to move into a more normal schedule of training and events.

Upcoming ARES events are:

- EOC to EOC exercise.
- The Onion Man Triathlon May 30
- The Tour of Walla Walla Bicycle Race

Keith also reported that the FCC has auctioned off frequencies for over 80 billion dollars. Our bands are valuable, and we are slowly losing bands. The 6 Meters could be lost if under used.

#### VF:

Jeff AL1Q reports that a test session is coming up on the 18th of April

#### Announcements:

Jeff AL1Q announced two upcoming Ham events.

- Tailgate and Fox Hunt in the Tri-Cities on the May 1st. Go to ssa.net for info.
- · A Ham Fest in Kamia Idaho on April 24th; 1 hour east of Lewiston.

Rick KI7GBU reports that the Salmon River Jet boat is the weekend of the 18th of April.Misc:

#### Old Business:

Timber N7DJE reports that we are trying to upgrade the building: painting, cleaning, carpet, electrical improvements. He would like to create a committee to plan building improvements over summer and costs. AL1Q, KC7JIX, and KI7ICB volunteered for committee.

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Roy K7HJL offered to sell the club's old Vibroplex Keys to raise funds. AL1Q moved to let Roy look into selling items. N7ACW seconded. Passed by show of hands. No votes against.

New Business:
Timber recommended that we start planing for our tailgate. Mikel KB7POT motioned to have next meeting be a planning session for the tailgate. N7ACW seconded. Passed by voice assent.
Jack N7AXU has old equipment for sale. Call 509-460-1730, or check it out on the W7DP Facebook page.
Show and Tell:
Education:
Meeting adjourned:
Meeting adjourned at 2013

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Submitted by Sec. Mikel Potts