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## Attendance:

KB7POT Mikel  
AL1Q Jeff  
WA7LKF Mike  
KC7JIX Dave  
W7HJL Roy  
W7UB Don  
N7DJE Timber  
N7ACW Keith  
N7DMR Kun

Jeff Hendrickson (License Pending)  
Gary Miller  
Dian Miller

The meeting was called to order by President Timber Burton at 1900. There were 9 members present and 3 visitors

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## Secretary's report:

The minutes from the March meeting were read and accepted.

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## Treasurer's report:

Keith N7ACW reports that we have \$4046.14 in the bank. There is an outstanding check to Pacific Power for \$25.96. Petty cash is \$92, for a total balance of \$4112.45.

There was a delayed deposit of \$300 from a power supply we sold at the last Tail Gate. It turned out to be broken. The check was deposited after the power supply was repaired and returned to the buyer.

Our PayPal account is now active and available for use should we need it.

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## Building and Grounds:

Dave KC7JIX reports that the lawn has had its first mowing.

Jeff AL1Q brought up the problem with the tower guy line. It is tangled in the tree. Timber said that we have access to a 40ft boom truck, and will be addressing the tree and other work later in the meeting.

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## Repeater Report:

Jeff AL1Q reports the repeater is in good condition. He will be making a trip to the site within the next three weeks to check and clear ventilation, in preparation for warmer weather.

Jeff asks that if you turn off the N7LZM repeater link, please remember to turn it back on when you are finished.

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## Health and Welfare:

Timber reports that Devin W7TDB goes into surgery for hip replacement tomorrow. Rick KI7GBU is in isolation, waiting for heart surgery. Lynn K7LW will have heart surgery next week.

Kun N7DMR will be leaving the area for a new job in early May. He is donating most of the equipment at the clubhouse to the club, and the WA7WWC packet equipment at the high site to Jeff AL1Q.

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## ARES Report:

Keith N7ACW reports that ARES is down to a minimal number of active members as of Monday. Due to a lack of response to the "required" IS-100 test, active members have been cut in half. The recertification test is needed to keep our status with the country emergency office.

The Second Tuesday of the month online training replaces the net of the same night. Next Thursday's net will be a review of the IS-700 course.

The next ARES meeting is 18 April. Training will be on antenna tuners.

Members and visitors are encouraged to join us on our ARES nets, Tuesday and Thursday nights at 1900.

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## VE:

Jeff AL1Q reports that the last session, 3 April. Two people took the Technician test and passed. The ARRL is backlogged, so the new licenses have not been issued.

Next Session is on 17 July at 1400. It is in-person. Contact Keith N7ACW or Jeff AL1Q for registration. We are still not accepting walk-ins. We do not have a reliable location that can be posted in advance.

At W5YI online testing, the co-ordinator has been ramping it up with lots of testing sessions scheduled.

The FCC will be charge new fees for amateur licenses. The fees will come into effect on 19 April. There will be a \$35 fee for new licenses, renewals, and vanity calls among other services.

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## Old Business:

Timber N7DJE reminded us that new hams get a free membership to the club that lasts up thru October 1. He encouraged all members to join Ham Club Online so that he can send emails and messages to members. You will get an invitation if you have not already joined.

There was discussion on setting up a new antenna on the telephone pole. Timber will talk to Jason about getting the boom truck for the job.

The Tail Gate on 15 May is canceled because the expected major donor of equipment is not able to attend.

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15 May is now scheduled to be the day we raise the new antenna, fix the guy wire, inspect the tower, and test the new repeater. Tasks are dependent on the availability of the boom truck.

Don W7UB brought in materials for the noise and grounding project. This will reduce the total bill from what was projected in the survey.

Roy W7HJL has installed new ground rods, improved the hardware on the guy wires, and bought new LED lights for the the building.

Jeff AL1Q has reinstalled the club's packet station hardware on the mini-rack. The DC power supply was also moved to the rack.

There was no update on the availability of CPR classes.

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## New Business:

Timber asked Roy if he was willing to start teaching/coaching those who would like to learn CW. He agreed in principle. The details are open for discussion.

Members discussed Field Day planning. Roy W7HJL offered his back yard as a location. The limits are that it will not be open to the public, and COVID must stay in abeyance. The backup location would be the clubhouse. Roy agreed to head planning with the assistance of Mikel KB7POT. Timber offered to help as well.

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## Show and Tell: None

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## Education:

After the meeting was adjourned, the club helped visitor Gary Miller to set up his Baofeng HT radio

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## Meeting adjourned:

Adjourned at 2006



PACKET RADIO



GUY WIRE FIX 1



GUY WIRE FIX 2

*Secretary: Mikel D Potts*