

W7DP Meeting Minutes

02-13-17

Attendance:

KF7UNF Fred
KC7CCL Heidi
N7ACW Keith
KH6IHB Nate
KG7PJD Harold
W7UB Don
WA7LKF Mike/Robert
KC7USG Davina
N7DJE Timber
Evan (waiting to test on Sunday)
KI7AAN Craig
KC7ZMT Robert
AL1Q Jeff
KC7JIX Dave
KC7PNE Mary
KI7JYU Vinnie
KI7ICA Dale
KK7WSM Keith
KD7BIH Jay
Brodie Folk (no license yet)
(20 in attendance)

Secretary's report:

No official meeting since November 2016. (Dec. was Christmas party, and Jan. 2017 cancelled due to bad weather) Keith N7ACW provided over-view of that meeting.

Treasure's Report:

After income and paying bills, balance is \$955.90 including the \$40 petty cash. 2nd and approved. Reminder that annual dues are "due".

Building and Grounds:

Electric bill was higher than usual, due to heavy use of heat lamp to keep bathroom from freezing in all the bitter cold weather. Everything seems to be working OK.

Repeater Report:

-Jeff AL1Q reports all working ok on both the 2m (146.96) repeater, and the 440 (443.45) repeater.

-Nate KH6IHB reported all OK on his 2m repeater (147.14) as well

Health and Welfare:

No report

ARES Report:

Keith N7ACW reported briefly on training opportunities, and encouraged more operators to join and participate in activities

VE:

- Next VE session will be Sun. Feb. 19 at 2 pm Fee is still \$15 per session, and sessions are still held at the Chen Chun building Rm 154 on the WWU campus, use east end entrance

Announcements:

bill 555 re: antenna restrictions still needs lots of support to get through senate etc.

Old Business:

No report

New Business:

- Per Jeff AL1Q, Rick KI7GBU has started researching the possibility of installing a repeater in the Table Rock area, utilizing solar power since there is no commercial power at that site.
- Drawings were held for: A special socket tool (won by Vinnie) a folding knife (won by Dale), and another socket tool (won by Harold) There was also a drawing for a (BeoFang?) HT radio, which was won by Dave KC7JIX who declined it since he'd won one last time, and after drawing again, was won by Fred KF7UNF, who then donated the radio to Evan who is studying and plans to take his Technician test Feb. 19.

Show and Tell:

none

Education:

Keith N7ACW invited suggestions/ideas for upcoming training sessions. Keith also addressed the value of upgrading licenses for current "hams", and various ways the club and club members could help facilitate training to assist with upgrading. Specifically for this meeting, Keith identified some of the similarities between the various classes of licenses, and used actual test questions from each, to show the similarities and how the knowledge/skill levels build on each other, while moving from Technician, to General, to Amateur Extra. He provided handouts that listed examples, and went over them with the group.

After the presentation/review, Keith asked if the club members would like to continue educational components specifically to help participants study and learn materials re: upgrading licenses, and all were in favor.

meeting adjourned at about 2050

Respectfully submitted, Heidi KC7CCL, Secretary