
Attendance:

N7DJE Timber
KB7POT Mikel
N7ACW Keith
AL1Q Jeff
W7UB Don
Mark Wayland (no callsign yet)
WA7LKF Mike
KI7ZUE Ron
K7RO John
KI7LGV Evan
KC7USG Davena
K6VUB, Vinny
Arthur Corbit (expired callsign KD7LJD)
Jim Myers (no callsign)
(14 in attendance)

Secretary's report:

Secretary's report was not read.

Treasurer's report:

We have a balance of \$45 dollars in petty cash and \$1,571.64 in the bank. The club's liability insurance is due in January. It should be about \$250. There are a total of 35 members on the roll. 22 are paid up on their dues. Some of the unpaid members have been inactive for some time. We will attempt to contact them to see if they wish to renew membership before removing them from the roll.

Building and Grounds:

Everything is winterized. Be sure to turn off water and open the faucet before closing the building. Make sure the bathroom thermostat is set.

Repeater Report:

Jeff AL1Q reports that the 146.96 repeater is in good shape. Noise from the N7LZM link is still present, but less often. According to Pacific Power, the previous power outage was caused by a squirrel. Cold weather is affecting packet on 145.070. Ice, snow can affect digital modes more drastically than voice. The landowner of the Lewis Peak site has been informed that Jeff AL1Q will not be renewing the lease. Jeff has notified and recommended other organizations that may want to take over.

Health and Welfare:

No one has heard from Heather KC7CCL in several months, Keith N7ACW will check in with her. Rick KI7GBU is doing well and back to work.

ARES Report:

Keith N7ACW reports. This Sunday, the 18th of November, there will be a training session on packet radio. Setup will be from 1200 to 1300. The session will start at 1300 and last till 1700. The first hour will be an introduction to how packet works. The remaining time will be devoted to setting up stations, Winlink software, and drills.

Next Monday's ARES Meeting, 19th of Nov, will be about the Macy's Parade of Lights event coming up the 1st of December. The parade normally starts at 1900. Plan on warm gear. (correction, starts at 1800)

The ARRL has plans to for a new ARES record keeping system. It will eliminate some of the steps of the current system, hopefully making record keeping easier and more streamlined.

VE:

Jeff AL1Q reports that three participated and two passed at the October VE session. The next testing session will be at 1400 on January 20th at Walla Walla University, Chan Shun Pavilion, Room 154. Also, there are VE sessions in the Tri-Cities every other month.

Announcements:

Timber N7DJE announced that there will be RADO classes coming up in January. These classes are to certify radio operators to operate non-HAM equipment for various emergency organizations.

Timber N7DJE - As president he would like to hear from members about what they would want to see out of this club.

(N7DJE talks about community events. Moved to New Business)

Misc:

Vinny K6VUB asked if there was a way for club members to ask each other questions outside of meetings. Jeff AL1Q said we have a Facebook page: W7DP

Old Business:

N7ACW pulled some of the older club records from the filing cabinet. Members are welcome to read a logbook dating back further than 80 year, thru WWII. The logbook was turned over to N7DJE to create digital copies.

New Business:

Timber N7DJE, along with Brian K7BDT have been looking at having the club participate in community events to help with visibility and recruitment. Emergency Management went to 7 events last year. Timber said that he would like to go to some of the smaller events. Members who volunteer would be looking at three to five hours commitments. He is looking for handouts for the events. Keith and Jeff suggested the existing club/ARES brochure.

Ron KI7ZUE suggested asking the newspaper to run a special interest story as a way to advertise us to the community; perhaps in conjunction with the parade.

Vinny K7VUB recommended we have a handout on how to become a ham. Kieth said the ARRL has a pamphlet we can use. Timber said he has access to a commercial grade printer we can use to print the pamphlets.

Ron KI7ZUE offered his Technician Class book to anyone who wanted it. It was quickly accepted by ?

There will be a holiday gathering the 10th of December at the normal meeting time and place. It's a pot luck, so bring whatever you want to share. Eating and socializing is the main agenda. Keith N7ACW will accept review comments and suggestions about the Macy's Parade of Lights event.

Keith N7ACW presented equipment for sale from the estate of Ivan Whitehouse K7ATX. The proceeds will go to Ivan's daughter. The equipment is on the back counter of the club house. Make offers to Keith.

Show and Tell:

Mikel WA7LKF showed us a home brew inductance bridge; used to measure inductors. He also had a frequency counter printed circuit board..

John K7RO showed us several home brew radios, including a 20W 40 meter SSB, and a Heath Kit 3 Band CW Kit rebuilt as a 75M SSB radio.

Ron KI7ZUE showed us his new Yeasu FTM-400XT Dual band 2M 70cm radio with Fusion digital mode. He briefly described the new digital networks available, and told us about some contact he has made.

Education:

Meeting adjourned:

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mikel D Pott". The signature is stylized with a large 'M' and a cursive 'Pott'.

Respectfully submitted, Mikel KB7POT, Secretary