

## **W7DP Meeting Minutes**

**01-08-18**

### **Attendance:**

KC7CCL Heidi  
N7ACW Keith  
AL1Q Jeff  
WA7LKF Mike  
KR8D Merry  
KR8C Thomas  
N7DJE Timber  
KC7USG Davina  
W7UB Don  
KC7EWJ Skip  
WB7JON  
KI7LGV  
(12 in attendance)

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

Sec. report for Nov. was read, 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved

### **Treasure's Report:**

Balance of \$801.44 including the \$40 petty cash.

2<sup>nd</sup> and approved. A summary of bills and income for calendar year 2017 was provided, as was a list of member status and when their memberships were due

### **Building and Grounds:**

Everything seems OK

### **Repeater Report:**

AL1Q repeaters: Jeff reports there has still been noise on the N7LZM side, now they are thinking a controller may be the cause.

APRS and Packet node working fine, 440 repeater working fine as well.

In December, a non-ham made a call for help for a vehicle stuck in in the mountains out of cell phone range, over the AL1Q repeater. The request was received and handled by N7DJE. It was appropriate for a ham to help someone in an urgent or emergent situation of course, but it was interesting that a non-ham owned a ham radio, and it was completely programmed for the repeater, including PL tones.

\*Brandon K7KLA has put an echolink node on Pikes Peak, operating simplex on 146.46, PL 100. It has pretty good coverage from that location.

**Health and Welfare:**

No report

**ARES Report:**

Keith N7ACW – reminder that next ARES meeting will include updates and info on training.

**VE:**

The next VE session is Sun Jan. 21 at 2 pm, Chen Chung (sp?) bldg. room 154, still \$15 to test.

**Announcements:**

The next club meeting will include a presentation on digital modes

Jeff AL1Q has received most of the “Nifty” manuals that members have ordered.

**Misc.:**

There are still a few items for sale in the back of the room, left over from tailgate hamfest last fall.

**Old Business:**

Re: his inquiry during the November meeting, Timber N7DJE reported that he followed recommendations to change his mobile radio power cord direct to battery, also tried changing the antenna, but still had issues. It was determined that a mic cable was the problem, and Kenwood was very responsive and quick to replace the mic cable under warranty within a few days. Problem is now resolved.

**New Business:**

none

**Door Prizes:**

Todd K7MAT provided door prizes to each attendee

**Show and Tell:**

Mike WA7LKF demonstrated a Lafayette Tube Tester and transistor tester. He also showed the insides of an HT “rubber duck” antenna without it’s outer coating.

AL1Q showed the battery/power switch that will replace the old one at the repeater. The old unit was repaired, but the new unit will be more reliable.

**Education:**

Merry KR8D provided a demonstration and information on CW, covering letter groupings of E, I, S, H, and T, M, and O

**Meeting adjourned:** at 2025

Respectfully submitted, Heidi KC7CCL, Secretary