
Attendance:

N7DJE Timber
N7ACW Keith
AL1Q Jeff
KB7POT Mikel
KI7LGV Evan
KC7USG Davina
W7UB Don
Tod Brandenburg (visitor)
Kaelan Brandenburg (visitor)
WA7LKF Mike
Mark KJ7CYH
Vinny K6VUB
Mike Summers (visitor)

Attendance: 11 Members and 3 Visitors

Secretary's report:

The minutes from the 11 Nov 2018 meeting were read and accepted with one correction

Treasurer's report:

Keith N7ACW reports that our bank statement is \$1201.18 and that we have \$66 in the petty cash box

Building and Grounds:

No Report

Repeater Report:

Jeff AL1Q reports that the repeater is in good shape. It is still getting occasional noise through link. He will be re-evaluate the new antenna's coverage this Spring.

Keith N7ACW asked everyone to listen up for cutouts on 146.96 and whether it is the repeater or mobile radio. Some people have experiencing cutouts, and we want to make sure it is not the repeater.

Health and Welfare:

Keith N7ACW said Heidi is recovering from surgery. Some of her cast/brace has been removed and she is feeling better. She may come back to the club later, but is currently otherwise occupied.

Vinny K6VUB's father is deteriorating. He is 97 Years old, and his birthday is in April. Some members are considering a visit on his birthday.

ARES Report:

Keith N7ACW reports that all active members have had their names submitted to ARES Connect. We will hopefully be able to do monthly reports when it is activated.

Keith said he visited the ARRL instructor site. The last newsletter was sent out in 2017, a little bit out of date, but found training material that is as relevant today as it was when published. One author has a list of projects and training modules. We will be using this material to put together presentations or projects; possibly as early as next meeting. Hoping to do most of this training with the W7DP club rather than just ARES.

Jeff AL1Q announces that we will be conducting new digital training using Winlink to send and receive messages. ARES Nets will be used to launch exercises. The first exercise may started as early as the next net. Results will be reviewed at the next ARES meeting. The initial drills will use the Telnet connection, no radio needed.

Jeff can be contacted to help setting up the Winlink software, but new setups probably won't be ready for first exercise.

Keith announced that he may not be available for next net. He asked for substitute trainer. AL1Q volunteered.

Timber N7DJE gave a brief explanation of ARES and our activities for the benefit of our visitors.

Timber also reported on the ARES leadership meeting held on the 13th of December.

We would like the ARES (and the club) to get involved with JOTA this year, third week of October.

Would also like to create fifth weekend events. Some possibilities would be: contesting and antenna maintenance. Other suggestions are welcome (cont in new business)

VE:

Jeff AL1Q - The next VE session will be the 20th of January, at the usual location and time.

Announcements:

Keith NACW will be teaching ham crash course for Technician license. There will be a VE test at the end of the day. If you pass you will get an HT radio. Fee is \$50, which covers the test fee and the cost of the VHF radio. It will be held at the College Place City Hall. Prior study necessary.

Jeff AL1Q is offering a Bird Wattmeter for sale, along with several slugs. Proceeds will be split between the W7DP club and the Lewis Peak Amateur Repeater Association. Slugs priced between 50 - 200 dollars (depending on power and frequency). Meter will be sold for \$175 with one slug of your choice, and \$30 per extra slug. Jeff will accept installments.

Misc:

Old Business:

New Business:

Timber N7DJE - Club is planing to attend two events this year. One will be National Night Out in August. The second hasn't been decided yet. We will set up booth, with radios, and let people make third party contacts.

We would like to have fifth weekend events for the club this year. Activities may include contesting, and antenna maintenance. Suggestions are welcome.

Field Day is the last full weekend of June. We'd like to participate this year; go to a park, get setup, and have a public booth.

Timber N7DJE proposed that we upgrade the club house's electrical and heating system. Asked if anyone has experience with grant writing. Jeff AL1Q said he would research it later this year, when he has less to do. Some of the things that need to be done are: a new fuse box, new wiring, a new power entrance.

We are also looking into installing a new HVAC system

This could make the clubhouse suitable as an emergency operations center.

Keith N7ACW suggested we add a generator switch so we can have emergency power capabilities.

Vinny K6VUB volunteered to help planing/researching parts and supplies. He also suggested we look into recycling and salvage value of the old wiring and appliances.

Keith N7ACW moved to authorize Timber to get an electrical inspection of building.
Don W7UB second. The motion passed by show of hands.

Show and Tell:

Education:

Keith N7ACW Showed a video on how to set up the logging software NIMM.

We are hoping to have a presentation by Mark Bauman KB7GF on antenna system in a future meeting

Meeting adjourned:

Meeting adjourned at 20:27

Respectfully submitted, Mikel KB7POT, Secretary

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