

W7DP Minutes

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Attendance:

N7DJE Timber
KC7USG Davena
N7ACW Keith
KB7POT Mikel
AL1Q Jeff
N7DMR Kun
KI7ICB Jason
KI7ICA Dale
KC7CCL Heidi
W7HJL Roy
KI7LGV Evan
W7UB Don
KC7WEZ Dave
KI7GBU Rick
K7LW Lynn
KJ7RXZ Devon
KJ7RYD Alex

The meeting was held on the 146.96 repeater. Net control was President Timber Burton N7DJE. 14 members and 3 visitors checked in.

Secretary's report:

It was agreed that last meeting's minutes would be posted on the wwares.org site.

Treasurer's report:

Keith N7ACW reports that we have a total of \$783.28 in the bank and \$40 in petty cash after the check clears for the four new tables just purchased for \$372.36.

Jason KI7ICB asked where we purchased the tables and the price each. Keith said the were purchased off of Amazon for \$85.64 each.

Building and Grounds:

Repeater Report:

Jeff AL1Q reports that the repeaters and packet nodes are working fine. He is hoping to install new a node at Weston Mt. It will provide access to a gateway in the Tri-Cities. The frequency will be 144.990 MHz.

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Timber N7DJE asked Jeff why the N7LZM repeater sounds louder than AL1Q repeater when they are linked. Jeff replied that the repeaters probably have different audio drive settings. Also the link goes over a couple 440 radio that may cause some changes to audio quality.

Lynn K7LW reported on the W7NEO repeater system.

Kun N7DMR reported that a new digital voice repeater on 445.3 MHz is now operational at the clubhouse. It is dual mode DMR and D-Star. He gave list of different groups and rooms connected.

Health and Welfare:

Devon KJ7RXZ reports that he is alive and kicking after his surgery last month.

ARES Report:

Keith N7ACW reports that we have been reviewing ICS courses, 100 and 200. Reviews of ICS-700 and 800 courses will be coming up soon. The next ARES meeting may be replaced by W7DP Christmas Party.

VE:

Jeff AL1Q report that he is hoping to return to in person (in car) sessions at the W7DP clubhouse. Online testing is available out of the Tri-Cities.

Announcements:

Misc:

Evan KI7LGV congratulated Timber N7DJE and Davena KC7USG on their advancement to Extra Class. Timber also got his VE certification, which needs to be updated to reflect his new license class.

Old Business:

Keith N7ACW reported on the tables ordered for the club. They are resin, foldable, and 60 x 30 inches. They will be good for Field Day.

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New Business:

Timber N7DJE proposed the club Christmas Party be held on the third Monday of December, if lockdown rules permit. Keith suggested we move it one day, to Tuesday, so that our Fire Fighter members can attend. After asking about conflicts, the date is moved to Tuesday, the 22nd of December.

Jeff AL1Q announced that there will be an RTTY net on the 16th of December.

Don W7UB suggests that if you are having problems with your hardware of software RTTY setup, give him or Jeff a call and meet at the clubhouse.

Timber N7DJE listed some potential new club projects.

- 1) Put down carpets tiles in the clubhouse?
- 2) 2M VHF/UHF radio ICOM 2730A?
- 3) New tables (already purchased) offset the cost to the club.
- 4) New shelf for the digital radios and packet in clubhouse.
- 5) Painting the clubhouse this spring.

He asked for donations to each project rather than having the club funds absorb all the costs. Keith N7ACW said that a donation of \$90.09 would pay for one table.

Jeff AL1Q asked if we qualify as a tax exempt donation. Keith said we do not currently have the necessary certification.

Kun N7DMR reported on status of the shelves for the digital radios in the clubhouse. He has also added VARA FM capability to the the WA7WWC-10 gateway and WA7WWC-1 BBS. This is in addition to the current packet modes.

Jason KI7ICB asked if he should start researching carpet tiles? He might be able to get some factory discounts. Timber said, please do.

Show and Tell:

Education:

Meeting adjourned:

Meeting was adjourned at 20:06.

*Submitted by:
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