

W7DP Meeting Minutes

3 Mar 2020

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Attendance:

N7DJE Timber
N7ACW Keith
KB7POT Mikel
KC7USG Davena
KK6FVG Avis
KI7ICB Jason
K7RO John
WQ7D Mark
WA7LKF Mike
KC7JIX Dave
KI7GBU Rick
AL1Q Jeff
KJ7IEG Kun
W7HJL Roy
K7LW Lynn

The meeting was called to order by President Timber Burton N7DJE at 1900. There were 14 members and 1 visitor present.

Secretary's report:

Treasurer's report:

Keith N7ACW reports that there is \$1798.54 in the bank and \$85 in cash. The Feb power bill is due.

Building and Grounds:

Dave KC7JIX reports that he will fertilize grass this week.

Repeater Report:

Jeff AL1Q reports some interference, sounds like someone not quite making the repeater. Had some noise problem due to Rick's cross-band repeater at his cabin. It went away when the repeater was turned off. Will be working with Rick KI7GBU to resolve. Has not been to repeater site yet this year.

Lynn K7LW reports that the Cabbage Hill W7NEO 146.88 repeater is back on the air. UHF on the same site is dead. Will be going back up tomorrow to update VHF and replace UHF radios.

Avis KK6FVG suggested that we have a local repeater list on the website. Much discussion. K7LW offered to send us a compiled list of repeaters with coverage info for use. Accepted.

Kun KJ7IEG suggested we add link to internet repeater book.

Keith N7ACW - suggested the repeater list should include request for feedback and corrections.

Health and Welfare:

SK: Vinny K6VUB's father has passed away.
First case of Corona Virus in area.

ARES Report:

Keith N7ACW reported on the Washington Emergency Communications Co-ordination Working Group. The SHARES system is being promoted in Washington, and will have impact on our ARES operations.

The 60 Meters SOP for Washington is in the files section of the WWARES group.io page.

Ham talk with attendees at conference considered the possibility of exercises on non-Saturday (probably Sundays).

Keith talked about Mobile Citizen who provides wi-fi gateways. Talked about getting one for the club/ARES. Application has been approved. \$197.13 per year.

AL1Q suggested splitting cost with LPARA.

Motioned, seconded and passed that we get the service.

Jeff AL1Q reported on the Feb 29 EOC2EOC exercise. Passed resource requests, four by Winlink and one by voice. HF 80M was used. Was training on the ICOM 7100 (EOC Radio). Used mesh-net for internal comms in the clubhouse, passing forms to a central laptop for HF transmission. Club antenna can be matched to 60M. Liz Jesse was present as an observer and donut vendor.

VE:

Asked for help from the Tri-Cities team for help on the 19 April VE test; due to conflict with ToWW.

Announcements:

K7LW talked about how his repeater was used during the Feb flood by local hams for status reports and local aid requests/help. Traffic heard by local EOCs convinced them to purchase radios for their sites.

Old Business:

New Business:

N7DJE - update on building repairs. Roy W7HJL volunteered to donate and install a transfer switch. Roy will come back next meeting with some price options for installing a transfer switch.

KJ7IEG would like to move his APRS gateway to the clubhouse, to use the tower. Moved, seconded, passed.

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Field Day is coaming up in June. We agreed to work with the Spout Springs club.

Roy volunteered.

Show and Tell:

Education:

Lin Kun KJ7IEG presentation on APRS.``

Meeting adjourned:

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