

## W7DP CLUB MEETING MINUTES 5 MARCH 2024

Meeting was called to order by President Timber Burton. Introductions were held with 8 members and 2 visitors attending.

The President opened a discussion of desired upgrades to our HF Station in regards to ARES digital operation. The upgrades would include A computer, software subscriptions, free soft ware and a new mouse. A vigorous discussion followed. Concerns were from which funds would the upgrade be funded ARES, repeater fund ,personal member funds or W7DP funds. It was finally decided that W7DP funds would be used. A motion passed that W7DP funds would be used. \$500.00 will be allocated for the project when the final decision on which items will be purchased.

A concern was voiced by W7HJL wondering if the upgrade was needed as the station has not been used on 60 meters. Mikel Potts ARES leader mentioned that the FCC is considering a revamp of 60 meters amateur privileges that would reduce ERP to 5 watts which make 60 meter useless. Some discussion was held on antennas for 60 meters without any decision made.

Next Wednesday Evan Burton will make a presentation to Walla Walla University students on amateur radio.

Guest Ray Volman discussed with Timber testing for his license.

W7HJL gave a discussion on Sunspot 25 cycle operating techniques.

The MIC and KEY swap will be held this weekend and W5SAB

Attending N7GDE,W5SAB,KB7POT,K7LW,KA7ICB,W7HJL,N7ACW Visitors Ray Volman KA7IBU Brian