W7DP Meeting Minutes

01/04/2022

Attendance:

N7DJE Timber KT7JE Davena KI7ICB Jason KJ7TUL Josh W7HJL Roy W7TDB Devin **KB7POT Mikel** KJ7RYB Scott KC7WEZ Dave

W7HHG Heidi WA7LKF Mike AL1Q Jeff N7ACW Keith

KB7YYL Carl

The meeting was called to order by President Timber Burton N7DJE at 1900. There were 13 members and 1 visitor present.

Secretary's report:

The minutes for the November meeting were read and accepted.

Treasurer's report:

Keith N7ACW reports that the club has \$3211.65 in the bank and \$40 in petty cash.

Building and Grounds:

No report.

Repeater Report:

Jeff AL1Q reported that there have been a couple of power outages. The batteries responded well. The structure has been staying warm, 15 to 30 degrees above outside temperatures, which means the new ventilation system is working. The WA7WWC gateway is doing well. There were issues with the cellular connection, but that has stabilized. It is suspected that it was due to ice and snow in the way. Next site visit, probably around May.

Timber N7DJE said the ventilation changes have reduced the power bill by about \$12 a month. This bill is not payed by the club.

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Health and Welfare:

Timber talked about the members, family members, and friends we've lost over the last couple of months. Please remember them in your prayers.

Mike WA7LKF had surgery to install a pacemaker this December.

ARES Report:

Keith N7ACW announced that the training schedule for 2022 is posted on the club site. He is looking for volunteers to do some of the training, both on the air and at meetings.

Winter Field Day is coming up near the end of January. It will be discussed on the nets.

VE:

Jeff AL1Q reported that the January VE Session may not happen. The dates did not get posted to the the ARRL site, despite being submitted in a timely manner.

Timber announced that Three Rivers Auxcom is sponsoring a technician class from 1 February to 22 March at the Franklin County Emergency Managment Building, 1011 East Ainsworth in Pasco. Email radio_ki7si-classes@yahoo.com.

Timber N7DJE talked about the online testing done by the Spout Springs Repeater Group. He read their statistic for the last year.

Old Business:

Timber talked about getting a 60 meter antenna and radio at the clubhouse this year.

The tabled discussion about having a spring tailgate was reintroduced. Lynn K7LW has some equipment he would like to donate. A tentative date of 15 May was set.

Roy W7HJL asked if Lynn had picked up his tuner from the club. Timber said he had not. Roy then motioned that we donate the Dentron tuner to Lynn K7LW in appreciation for his help. The motion was seconded and passed.

Timber informed the meeting about the Forest Service's proposal to charge for tower use on their property, including amateur radio. Lynn has some sites that would be affected by this. There is a comment channel for this. Please look it up and comment if you can. There is an article in QST for those that would like more information.

New Business:

Timber moved that we make sure that we have an active second member with access to the club's checking account. Motion was seconded and passed. Keith will check who our current second access is, and change it to an active member if needed.

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Heidi W7HHG asked about our status as a non-profit. Timber and Keith gave information on our progress on submitting the paper work for our Federal status as a non-profit. We are already registered as a non-profit with the State.

Timber talked about moving to the Ham Club Online web presence and organization tools.

Jeff said the LPARA has also joined Ham Club Online as WA7WWC.

The benefits and features of the site were discussed.

Meeting to adjourned at 2010.

It was motioned that we change the clubs dues to be prorated. The motion was tabled until the next meeting so the club officers can research the options available and make recommendations.

Timber brought up the possibility of getting a new radio for the club. Members discussed the pros and cons of the IC-7100 and IC-7300.

Timber suggested that the club get every active member a callsign tag. The estimated is cost is about \$165. It was moved by Jason KI7GBU, and seconded by Jeff AL1Q. Passed by show of hands.

Timber talked about making it possible for members to order personalized tumblers and/or T-shirts.

Carl KB7YYL is moving out of his house and has found lots of cable that he would like to donate. The club accepted.

Show and Tell: Timber showed his matching tumblers, personalized with callsigns. Education: Meeting adjourned:

Secretary: Mikel D Potts