C.A.R.E. Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: 7/12/2016

Meeting was brought to order at 6:31 PM

Darrell-KE7FNV brought the meeting to order and shared that he is leading tonight's meeting, as Joe is out due to a variety of medical concerns. We will keep him in our prayers.

Guests: Brooksby Harman joined us for the first time, he is a new student in the current training course.

Announcements: Curt-KF7VZV announced the soldering class scheduled for 7/17 has been postponed.

Old Business:

Secretary's Report: Debbie-KI7ENG read the June 2016 meeting minutes to the group, Bill-K7WDG made the motion to approve as read and Randy-KU7RMS second the motion, all were in favor and motion was passed.

Treasure's Report: Johnny reports that we currently have a total in treasury of \$ 413.62.

Field Day Report: ~Darrell-KE7FNV presented a report related to field day. Joseph-W3JVC was the committee chair for the event. 18 people attended and all were from our club, no guests were there. There were 176 contacts made, on the 20, 40 and 80 meter bands, but it is thought that several may have been duplicates. It was noted that the park was made available to us free of charge. 3-100' lengths of cable had been donated by the MPD Cable company. Les Schwab donated 2-RV deep cycle batteries. Bullet Rentals donated the use of 300 feet of extension cords.

Suggestions for next year: Request a temporary call sign for next year's event. Bill-KO7WDG brought up lack of any public knowledge and need for PR in TV and paper, more methods were discussed for public announcements like Sneak Preview, Craig's List, and Radio broadcasts of community events. Bill Meyer Show on KMED Radio.- (Bill is a HAM.) We also need more signage. Curt had gotten the word out to stations for public announcements, but they may not be broadcast at good times for optimum viewing or at all, if programming issues arise, and it cost money to place them on a specific time. KTVL and KOBI no longer have a community calendar on their websites. KTVL did do the on air Community Chalkboard, but we are not sure how many times it aired.

Visibility is key...Donna-KD7RSI recommended sharing on Facebook. David-KD7RSN noted field day was on the same day as the Diamond Lake Fishing Tournament and Rainbow Group. Chris-N7CDG offered 'Thanks' for the good set up. He also added that it would be a good thing if we had a location next year where we could be available to 'casual passersby'. Bill-K7WGD recommended the Central Point Park, Donna added we could ask for free park use. It was also mentioned that we consider to activate at a memorial or historical location, making sure the media is invited. Dale-N7IXS noted that Dale-KI7END had made contact with Texas once and Hawaii three times.

Sub-committees were suggested for 2017: set up, operators, break down, equipment and transportation. Joseph mentioned using 2 units on 40 meters, both low and high power. Chris suggested a digital set up next year.

Upcoming Classes: Curt-KF7VZV had an interview on KTVL-TV for their Your Town Feature, which was reported by members to have been a good presentation about our group.

New Business: Chris - N7CGD shared that he is a part of Emergency Education Group and Amateur Radio Emergency Services and is seeking help to participate in the group handing loggings, using packet information, how to volunteer and activate, and no training is required. He also noted on Wednesday 7/20 at the Jackson County Sheriff's Office there is a meeting from 6:30 to 7:30. Their website is www.JCARES.net. Chris added his station is in the basement of Rogue Regional Medical Center and he briefly offered information of the service of relaying status report to other stations.

Johnny brought up expenses related to field day. Curt-KF7VZV has submitted receipts for expenses related to frames/stakes for signs from the Sign Dude - \$ 18.00 and also requested reimbursement for printer ink and lamination cost - \$ 89.62. Kirk-KF7N made the motion to approve these expenses, Dale-N7IXS seconded, the motion passed.

Johnny also suggested a kitty be started for the expenses related to next year's field day event. A hat was passed around and we collected \$ 41.33, which will be designated as a separate accounting.

New Members: Nate-KI7BRX, Randy-KU7RMS and Terry-KI7FQQ

Suggestions for future events: Antenna build, Fox Hunt, Summits on the air, Jackson County Reservoir and California round-up.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM

Post Meeting Presentation:

Curt gave a presentation on How to program in Chinese (the Baofeng UV-5RE radio).

Respectfully Submitted by, Debbie Dill-KI7ENG