

Cascade Amateur Radio Enthusiasts (CARE), KG7JPA

February 2017 Meeting:

Date: Tuesday February 14, 2017

Time: 18:40 hours

Venue: New Far East Restaurant, 236 N Front St, Medford, OR

President Joe, AF7GN, presided.

Visitors: Norm May, KG7OVS, La Clinica Ham Ops coordinator requested assistance in disaster or emergency communications. He invited volunteers with radios to contact him.

Jackie, KC7WWJ, visited and rejoined the club. Welcome back, Jackie.

Scott Cummings, NA7OM, visited from the RVARC, and floated the proposal of a combined Field Day this year. Further discussion will take place on that subject. Thanks to Scott for his visit and example of Ham solidarity!

Treasurer's Report: Debbie Dill, KI7ENG, reports that the current account at Peoples Bank is being changed from a personal account to a new commercial account. This change will cost the club \$50, but it will keep the club compliant with non-profit tax codes. A complete report will be available once the transfer is finalized.

Secretary's Report: The minutes were approved. They had been emailed to all members. It was brought up that Ray Hill, KI7XW, of Eagle Point is now a Silent Key. Our condolences go out to his family.

New Business: The Ham classes are on the grow. As a result more instructors are needed. Please contact Curt, KF7VZV, if interested in becoming a co-instructor. You would not be on your own in a class. Curt will be sending an email to members to solicit volunteers if none come forward to assist. Those responding in the affirmative will have credentials reviewed. Applicants will be advised regarding their participation.

Curt, KF7VZV, will be contacting businesses to solicit contributions to C.A.R.E. to assist in the purchase of at least 20 sets of Licensing Manuals for the Class Library, and books for the Club Library. The Club Library will be available for check-out to all Club hams for assistance in their advancement of the hobby. Members are encouraged to let Curt know about any possible grant opportunities they may become aware of. His email is clh143@yahoo.com.

It is reported that the proposed State legislation regarding the vehicular use of ham radio will be the same standard as is for portable phones. The information is posted on the club's web site: www.carehamradio.com. It was noted by Joe, AF7GN, that there is no record of citations being issued for distracted driving as a result of vehicular ham activity; with the mic that is.

The Fox Hunt is on. Area of the Hunt to be limited to the Medford City limits. The date of the Hunt is February 25, between 2pm and 4pm, and will be carried out on 146.550, with announcements on the Club repeater, 147.100. Curt will post on www.carehamradio.com the particulars.

Randy, KG7RMS, won the club's first raffle. Kudos, Randy! Randy will enjoy his new radio and it was moved by Darrell, KE7FNV, that another radio be purchased for next month's raffle. The motion was seconded and passed.

The radio cost the club \$150. Tickets sold for the raffle totaled \$215. It was proposed by Darrell, KE7FNV, that the excess money from ticket sales, in this case \$65, go to the Class Library Fund to support resources for the classes. It had previously been earmarked for the general fund. The motion was seconded and passed.

Joe, AF7GN, gave a presentation titled, "One Final Act of Kindness". The heart of the talk was centered on the maintenance of an inventory of all of a ham's assets. When a ham becomes a Silent Key the family must deal with his/her personal belongings. Knowing exactly what needs to be sold or donated and what the values are removes a large burden on the grieving who must deal with it.

The meeting was adjourned.