

Cascade Amateur Radio Enthusiasts

Club Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2017

- Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Joseph Clarke W3JVC
- The present board members were introduced:
 - President Joseph Clarke W3JVC
 - Vice President Darrell Barker N7CZX
 - Secretary not present
 - Treasurer Debbie Dill KI7ENG
 - Public Information Officer Curt Hadley KF7VZV
 - Member at Large #1 Johnny Jones WA6RHK
 - Member at Large #2 not present
- The current roster has some additional items listed to provide a better understanding of the needs and desires of the club members. As the roster is handed around each member was to check to ensure their pertinent information was correct.
- The agenda was given to all with information on the back that was to check the areas they could assist in as Elmers and also where they wanted help.
- Visitors were then welcomed and recognized. They were:
 - Crystal Bosbach N5LEQ
 - Steve Bosbach KW5V
 - Darrin Heard KC6HSP
 - Alex Prince KI7NWC
 - Scott Searcy KI7ONK
 - Nicholas Ochs KI7CBS
 - Marco Pursell KF7MYJ
 - Gary Schoeller W6YUY
 - Chuck Kline KF7FCZ
- The secretary's report has been posted on the website and a number of members took the time to read it. Debbie Dill KI7ENG moved to accept the report as posted. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
- Debbie Dill then read the treasurer's report as follows:
 - **Last Month's Balance:** **\$1,509.28**
 - Deposits:
 - Manuals \$135.00
 - Raffle \$ 55.00
 - New Members \$ 20.00
 - Total Deposits: \$ 210.00
 - **Total Funds** **\$1,719.28**
 - No Expenses
 - Special Accounts:
 - Field Day \$268.99
 - Class Books \$293.95
 - Total Special Accounts: \$ 562.94
 - **Total Available Funds:** **\$ 1156.34**

- Joe Gunderson AF7GN moved to accept it. It was seconded and then approved as read.
- Because the manufacturer of the kit-built receivers could not deliver the radios in time the kit-building class has been postponed.
- Chris Duncan N7CGD was called forward and presented an award for his leadership and skill in preparing the annual Field Day event. A hearty round of applause was given.
- The report for the Cub Scout Jamboree by Kirk Ausbo KF7N was not available.
- A report of the Licensing Class was given by Curt Hadley KF7VZV. He reported that the class started with 17 enrolled but a small number have had to drop out. They are averaging 9-12 students at this time. He reminded us we are teaching the class to prepare for emergency communications (emcomm) as well as the fun of being a part of the ham community. He also mentioned that there will be a Cascadia Symposium on September 26 & 27 and an Emergency Preparedness Festival at the mall this weekend from 10 to 4 pm.
- Joe Gunderson AF7GN was asked to come forward. As a token of our appreciation for leading the club so ably a plaque was presented that read:

The Cascade Amateur Radio Enthusiasts
proudly recognize

Joe Gunderson
AF7GN

for his exemplary service in the
expansion and organization of the
C.A.R.E. Club
and hereby grant him an
Honorary Lifetime Membership.
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He then spoke of his fondness for the club and its members, concluding with this one thought: Have Fun!

- As vanity ham license plates are becoming more common it was suggested that club members take note of any ham plates they see and submit that to PIO Curt Hadley who would look up the information on the FCC website and send them a postcard describing our club and inviting the ham to attend. Joe Gunderson made the motion to print 100 cards at a cost of just over \$19. The motion was seconded and approved on a unanimous vote.
- Next month's presentation will be by Joseph Clarke in conjunction with Elecraft Radios who will be doing a Skype presentation to the club. It was emphasized that this is not a sales pitch.
- Joe Gunderson is leaving the area but still will produce the newsletter. We need someone local to submit information to him for inclusion so it can still be of interest to us here in the valley. Nobody volunteered so someone will need to be appointed at a later date.
- Darrell Barker N7CZX updated us on the upcoming Christmas Banquet preparations. Several locations were investigated: the Phoenix Grange, First Christian Church in Medford, and the Ashland (Helman) Grange. After discussing the cost and benefits of

each the Ashland Grange was selected as the location. The date was set for December 2, 2017 at 3 pm. Brooksby Harman AE7BR made the motion to accept this location, date, and time. It was seconded and approved.

- Debbie Dill KI7ENG moved that we use this month's proceeds from the raffle to pay for the rental of the grange. \$55 came in from the raffle.
- On the back of each agenda that was passed out was a sheet listing two columns. One was a list of areas where each member could show their interests and possibly willingness to Elmer someone, and the other column listed areas where they might need elmering. It was asked that each attendee fill out the sheet and hand it in at the end of the meeting.
- Last Call for raffle tickets was made before intermission.
- 10 minute break.
- The raffle drawing for a Yaesu FT-2900R/E radio was held by Scott Brock KI7HSR. The winner was visitor Darrin Heard KC6HSP.*
- The evening's presentation was given by Gary Schoeller W6YUY on Inverted V Dipole Antennas. He discussed the advantages of an Off-Center Fed inverted V in comparison with a G5RV Jr. The OCF antenna held clear advantages over multiple bands.
- After Gary's presentation Bruce Cook KG7TUO showed his home-brew barbed wire antenna, illustrating that any conductor of the right dimension can be an effective antenna. He used this one to conduct nets for 2 weeks with signal reports showing that his signal was strong and clearly readable. Applause for both Gary and Bruce.
- It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:50. Approved.

* There will be another raffle next month, although for a different radio as the 2900 is being discontinued.

Minutes recorded by acting Secretary Darrell Barker N7CZX