

Cascade Amateur Radio Enthusiasts

Club Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Joseph, W3JVC, at 1830 hrs.

The following visitors were recognized: Chuck, K7BBD; Ryan, a current class member; Glen, KG7FEA; Scott, KF7OMK, Allen, K7GT; and Matt, KE7OOY.

Secretary Rob, N7RFD, presented the minutes from September's meeting. They were approved.

Treasurer Debbie, KI7ENG, summarized the club's finances as: \$1878.90 in the bank; \$268.99 is dedicated to the Field Day Fund; \$416.57 is dedicated to the Class Fund; leaving \$1193.34 in the General Fund. Debbie reported that the Christmas hall rental cost of \$60 has been allocated. That money will come from the General Fund. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Curt, KF7VZ, the club's POI, passed around a postcard which will be mailed to the owners of cars with a Ham vanity license plate. The card introduces our club and welcomes the ham to visit our next meeting. Club members are to note vanity plates and pass the call sign on to Curt. He will mail the card.

Curt reported that the license class began with 17 students. It has shrunk to 9. The soonest opportunity for a test is on the 22nd. There will be a second test session in Talent on the 28th.

Joseph, W3JVC, reported that the Hams Helping Hams data, which was collected at last month's meeting, is still being summarized. The information will be available by the next meeting.

Darrell, N7CZX, reported on the December holiday party. It will be held at the Belleview Ashland Grange, on Tolman Creek Road, on Saturday December 2, 2017. This is a buffet from 3pm till 7pm. Darrell will bring a ham. He asks that club members RSVP directly to him, and if attending what will be brought for dishes. The club will provide all cups, plates, and cutlery. Darrell can be reached at 541-777-0718 by phone, or by email at: N87CZX@jeffnet.org.

There occurs a need to cover for the tasks of absent club officers at Board and at monthly club meetings. It was discussed that the role of the Vice President is that of being a substitute for an absent President. The definition of the Vice President's role is written in Article III, Section. 2 of the club's Constitution.

The first line of Section. 2 reads: The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President in his/her absence. It was proposed to modify this sentence to read: The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President, **or of the Secretary or Treasurer,**

in his/her absence. Chris, N7CGD, moved that the Constitution be modified to assign these new V.P. duties. The motion was seconded, and it was approved.

Tonight is scheduled for nominations to fill next year's officer's positions. Joseph posted the descriptions of each position, as written in the constitution. This was done so all could read what they would accept as responsibility should they be elected.

Nominations were opened and the following names will be put on the ballot for these positions:

President: Joseph, W3JVC.

Vice President: Bruce, KG7TUO; Jason, KI7ITJ; Bill, N7EU.

Secretary: Darrell, N7ZCX.

Treasurer: Debbie, KI7ENG.

Members at Large, three positions: Bill, N7EU; Bill, K7WGD; Johnny, WA6RHK; Scotty, KI7HSR; Nikki, KI7LUD.

Nominations were closed after names for each position had ceased. Elections for the 2018 officer positions will be held during the November meeting. The constitution holds that the election for each position will be done by a majority ballot of members present at the meeting. Attendance at the November meeting is very important.

Darrell, N7ZCX, briefed the members regarding the importance to the club of maintaining at least 50% membership in ARRL. Darrell said that this level of membership is critical in obtaining the \$200/year club insurance.

Darrell further briefed the members regarding repeater use etiquette.

A 5 minute break was held prior to tonight's presentation.

The presentation tonight was done by David Shoaf, KG6IRW. David is the K3/KX3 International Distributor and Customer Support contact for Elecraft. The presentation highlighted Elecraft's long term roll in producing ham hardware for high performance HF for DXing. David briefed the club on the KPA1500 legal limit amplifier; on Elecraft's roll in DXpeditions around the World; on Elecraft's K-line evolution of hardware; and on the KX-line evolution of equipment. David invited club members to contact him directly with inquiries. He also welcomed factory tours at Elecraft.

Johnny, WA6RHK, declared enough tickets were purchased for tonight's raffle. Kirk, KF7N, was tonight's winner of a new dual band mobile radio.

The meeting was adjourned at 2042 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Duncan, Secretary, N7RFD