



Pend Oreille County Radio Group

Radio Club

Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2022

I. Call to order

Secretary Shannon Mossman, W6SPY, called the meeting to order at 10:05. President Mark Ford, KA7LAS, remains on vacation out of the country, Vice President Warren Weber, N7WEB is ill. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. Roll call

A sign in sheet in lieu of roll call was completed with the following in attendance:

Shannon Mossman, W6SPY – Secretary/Treasurer

Sandra Curteman, K7DBD

Scott Carswell, K7DBC

Gus Esteves, KD7WWL

Geoff Rusho, KK7ALF

Jim Jeffers, KJ7OTF

Richard Kroll, KI7LFD

Rick Schreiber, KI7LFB

Jim Pletsch, N1REZ

Dale Weathers, KD7BMJ

Dylan Brown KK7BVX

Cameron LaCombe, WRKX561

David Guinee, K7ZDP

Gary Robertson

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes from the previous meeting were emailed and posted to the webpage. A motion was made and passed to approve.

IV. Financial Report

Treasurer Shannon Mossman, W6SPY, provided the financial report. The club has **\$252.05** in the WaFed checking account following these expenses:

Insurance (annual) 252.50

Diamond antenna 172.30 (Ione Repeater)

100' LMR400 216.12 (Ione Repeater)

V. Old Business

- a) Frequency monitoring was discussed with Geoff Rusho, KK7ALF, presenting the Channel 3 program. Information is on the website. Jim Jeffers, KJ70TF, requested that the group find some way to monitor our Cooks Mountain repeater on a continuous basis so that someone seeking help could find it. After discussion, it was moved and approved that the club would try a “No Call Unanswered” experiment to see if the club could provide this without a creating a monitoring watchlist.
- b) Shannon, W6SPY, reported that his UHF Dstar machine was received and installed at the Diamond Lake site with the 146.900 machine. On 442.275+ PL 100.0. The machine is normally attached to REF030C but any user can move it.
- c) Geoff, KD7WWL, scouted the lone Transfer Station and found that it was inadequate for 2m coverage to Cooks. An alternate site was found to be Gus’, KD7WWL, location. A GMRS repeater will still be placed at the transfer station to aid the community anyway. These will have to be purchased along with coax, duplexers and antennas.
- d) The Old 147.12 machine was reordinated to SRG and in use at a Spokane location. It will not be retrievable until summer according to Karl Shoemaker (POCRG Technical Director), AK2O, who also disapproves of the proposed location. A motion was made and passed to obtain a new repeater and duplexer as well as coordination to move ahead anyway. Geoff, KK7ALF, will seek funding; Shannon, W6SPY, will obtain quotes and seek reordination for the .12 or an alternate pair. The antenna and coax were purchased and will be delivered to Gus.
- e) Advertising – Priest River Gunshow. Jim Pletsch, N1REZ, presented that he purchased an ICOM 2m transceiver to be raffled at a cost of 215.00. The club will reimburse. Any profits from ticket sales will go to the club, losses will be absorbed by the club as advertising expense.
- f) Insurance – Payment was made and received by the insurer. Awaiting a copy of the binder to provide to the county.
- g) Pending the installation of the lone repeater, Gus, KD7WWL, will act as an alternate net control and relay the simplex ARES net information and accept check ins to the net via the Cooks Mountain repeater.
- h) Resources availability was readdressed. Club members have resources that another member might need. Chainsaw, generator, power washer, etc. Sandra will prepare a list and maintain it for those interested.
- i) The Pend Oreille Fire Dept Pancake Breakfast is being held on April 16, conflicting with our next meeting. After discussion to change the meeting date, it was decided that members would do their best to attend the breakfast and support the FD, then attend the meeting afterwards.

VI. New Business

- a) The old 70cm W7POC repeater will be moved to David Guinnee's, N7ZDP, location on Hoodoo Mountain to see if that will provide good coverage. It is off the air because it conflicts with the W6SPY Dstar machine on 70cm. If coverage is good, Shannon will seek coordination for that location.
- b) Training – Rich Kroll, KI7LFD, provided a presentation on transition lines.
- c) A question as to whether POCRG should appoint a net control for the Cooks 2m net on Sundays. Shannon, W6SPY, pointed out that the net is not a POCRG net, It is the Newport Area Emergency Communications Practice net; in existence prior to the clubs formation with many members that are not part of POCRG. Shannon suggested if there is no net control, anyone could assume that position.

VII. Membership

- a) Warren, N7WEB, is home from the hospital and recovering.
- b) Current membership is 37.

VIII. For the Good of the Club

- a) Shannon checked the club bylaws and determined that elections would normally be in November rather than May as previously stated. Special elections can be held at any time.
- b) GLAARG testing is on hold until the VE Coordinator, Warren, N7WEB, recovers.

IX. Adjournment

- a) Shannon Mossman, W6SPY adjourned the meeting at 12:30 PM