



Pend Oreille County Radio Group Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2023, Diamond Lake Fire House

1. Sign-in - Dale KD7BMJ
2. Welcome - President Dylan KK7BVX called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM
3. Sandra KK7DBD minutes
4. Sign-n sheet recorded by Treasure Dale W. KD7BMJ

Barry WRNP208	Gus KD7WWL	Dale W KD7BMJ
Scott KK7DBC	Rick KI7LFB	John KB7FDQ
Sandra KK7DBD	Pat WRVY667	Shannon K6SPY
David K7ZDP	Terry KF7YKK	Cameron KK7GUQ
Dylan KK7BVX	Jim N1REZ	Rick Knapp KE7FHK
5. **January Minutes** approved
6. Dylan led the **Pledge of Allegiance**
7. **Finance and Treasurer Report** - Dale

The club's current members in January 2023 are at forty-two. Dale collected dues and reminded us to pay dues in February to sustain our annual membership. The average active members are around twenty-five. The POCRГ Club bank account is \$847.20. Bank Credit is \$100.00 in dues. Balance of 947.20 No expenditures. Fourteen of forty members have yet to respond to renewing their membership with the radio club.
8. **Old Business**
9. No updates on Duplexer at Gus's house.
10. **Action Items**
11. Cameron will speak with Chief Nokes SPCFD about mentioning POCRГ in his weekly online newsletter.

Dale W. will attempt to reach Mike Stout, a club member, about his status with our club.
12. **New Business**

13. **Equipment - Scott Club Trustee** Sandra brought Scott Club Trustee topics to the meeting. Scott requests we put together a programming class for repeaters. As the trustee for our POCRG radio group, Scott would like to ensure equipment integrity under the POCRG umbrella, the Cooks Mt repeater, via regular maintenance. He wants to challenge the group with ideas to get on the radio in our area frequently using your radio equipment. Cooks Mt. Repeater 145.470 is the property of POCRG and the only repeater that is property of POCRG. The GMRS repeater at Cooks does not require a license and belongs to Shannon; his call sign is on file for this repeater.
14. ICS Forms - Cameron club member and Bonner County Emergency Management Coordinator announced he is here as a resource and liaison to Pend Oreille County. He wanted to gauge interest and get a count of those willing to assist (by radio) if an emergency occurs within the area and reach the Cooks MT repeater coverage area. Cameron is also an advocate of the volunteer groups (CERT) Community Emergency Response Team and (ARES) Amateur Radio Emergency Service. Information about CERT and ARES can be found in the links below.

CERT:

<https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/individuals-communities/preparedness-activities-webinars/community-emergency-response-team>

ARES: <http://www.arrl.org/ares>

15. **For the Good of the Club**
16. Dale will attempt to contact Mike Stout about his membership.
17. **New Member** - Rick K. KE7FHK has a general license. He has held testing for technicians and was involved with ARES/RACES on the west coast. Recently unpacked a True SPX QRP Transceiver and looking forward to getting out his radio gear.
18. Gus has applications for ARES and RACES. Gus is the EC for Search and Rescue. Gus is holding ARES net on Wednesday at 17:00 and 17:15 simplex. Gus will organize an ARES meeting in person on a Saturday morning in April.
19. The POCRG name **badges** and **logo** for hats and shirts etc., are available at **Country Lane in Newport, WA**. "Washington" has been removed from the logo for the hats because of space.
20. Pat primarily handles GMRS now. He is scheduled to take his technician test on Monday for his HAM license soon!
21. Dylan shared he passed all his HAM exams in one year. There is more to radio than he had thought. He uses a digital YaSu and RiDi HF Radio that decodes and reads quickly on the screen. He is learning morse code and sends and receives ten words a minute.

22. Dylan encourages Channel 3 Project for FRS/GMRS, MURS, and HAM Radio (simplex). The community can establish its neighborhood groups.
23. Dylan shared one does not CQ over the repeater or GMRS only when using simplex. Also, he reminded us to relay messages when we're needed. It is conducive.
24. Sunday LDS net is not part of the radio club. The Church just uses the repeater when they have this net. LDS runs the net, not the radio club on Simplex, at 18:00.
25. Shannon will put ARES net information on the POCRG website when he receives the date and time.
26. Jim will host a Star Party event at his house this fall, sometime in Sept or Oct. He will need volunteers to help pull it off, so mark your calendars for a spectacular evening with the skies and stars.
27. Gus Emergency Coordinator for Search and Rescue fundraiser will be held May 6th over at the Barn. Gus suggested the radio club have a presence. Pat suggests we buy a multi-pack radio where we sign people up at the event for their GMRS license and provide the radio and one-year membership for \$50.00, including literature, times, and dates of our club activities and website. Pat can set up his laptop to issue a license at the event.
29. Pat will prepare a Boafang GMRS training next meeting.
30. Barry was not feeling so cool during introductions because he did not know his call sign. He left his call sign taped to his other radio. We all enjoyed his candid moment with a laugh because some of us have done the same. He may be cool next month with his call sign ready. lol
30. Shannon shared there was a discussion to move the Kalispel equipment over to Cooks but not this year. More to come at a later time. This move could be a good thing.