



Pend Oreille County Radio Group Meeting Minutes  
January 21, 2023, Diamond Lake Fire House

1. **Sign-in, Welcome**, Dale W. KD7BMJ, and Sandra C. KK7DBD set in for chairman Dylan B. KK7BVX POCRG President and Jack D. KJ7YMP POCRG Vice President. The meeting was called to order at 10:15 am by Sandra C. KK7DBD.

2. **Roll Call** - Sign-n sheet recorded by Treasure Dale W. KD7BMJ

Edward Abel	Dale Johnson	Richard Schreiber
Barry Anderson	Richard Kroll	Dale Weathers
Scott Carswell	Pat Molvik	Will Welker
Sandra Curteman	Terry Morse	
David Guinnee	Jim Pletsch	Donna Molvik guest

3. Approval of Minutes: Both Minutes for November 2022 and December 2022 were approved by present club members.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance** Will W. WRT1966 led the club members in the pledge of allegiance.

5. **Finance and Treasurer Report** - Dale Weathers  
Current members in January 2023 are at forty-two. Reminder to pay dues in February to sustain annual membership. Average active members are around twenty-five. The POCRG Club bank account is at \$452.00. Our club insurance is \$252.00 for the year and coming due.

6. **Old Business**  
Richard K. will get on the Sunday LDS net to find out the status of the 2-meter activity, if any, and report back next meeting.

7. **Tabled from January Meeting**  
2m lone Repeater, Project Duplexer cavity, is done. The current Kenwood 5-watt power is a setup for Gus's location. It's tuned now, with the capability of 16 channels. It is suitable for installation, ready to identify the antenna and build a short coax with proper fitting for the unit. Jumpers are needed at 56 inches and can be made and tested by Jack; these fittings run about \$25.00 per end; an advantage is we can take apart and

reuse these fittings if needed. Gus's location is excellent because there is no interference. The coax between the cavities should be ok for whatever its band is. Jack will put in LMR 400. Short coax is working fine—the longer ones from the repeater to the duplexer. Jack and Gus to connect and do some testing. *Further discussion with Dylan, Gus, and Geoff.*

8. **New Business**

**PayPal** John S. KB7FDQ has requested PayPal for an option to pay annual membership dues. He asks that club members cover the cost of PayPal. This will be tabled to a future meeting to discover if this is an option for annual payments. It is encouraged to send a check to the club P.O. Box 121 Newport, WA 99156, for yearly dues once a year in February.

9. **Open discussion** began around annual fundraising for the community club event this year for members, family, and community. The question was raised as to if there were any issues with raffle tickets legally. Pat M. experience with other radio clubs was when operating under a non-profit raffle has not been a problem. Pat M. shared the idea raffle at meetings if your dues are current, an extra raffle ticket for showing up to the meeting with a chance to win something. Raz/Jim N1REZ suggests a hole-in-one at the golf course where you donate any amount for a hole-in-one and offer an amount on the spot, say \$500. if you get a hole-in-one. Jim suggests obtaining sponsors where we provide free advertising and no money out of pocket. The raffle at the gun show did better than some thought would have probably not again. Pat M. suggests providing a GMRS license on the spot at our event to the person who wins the radio we use the city park for our annual community event.

10. **First Name Call Sign** on the website of all members Dale KD7BMJ asks our group club members to be considered this visible on the website. Move to February Meeting. Will WRTI966 suggests annually, when collecting dues, give members the option to be listed on our club website with their first name and call sign.

11. **Meeting Minutes** will be posted to the website after club member approval. Pat W7MOE can post minutes to the club's Facebook site. He will talk to Shannon W6SPY.

12. **Training Session** Rich KI7LFD choose a fun topic for the UHF VHF club members we predominantly have within our club; fox hunting with balloons might be of interest, “being we have some hot air among us to blow off,” lol. Rich played a video showing the sport of fox hunting for hidden transmitters to practice direction finding. There was some interest among us. We can start in a local area and expand and cover more areas as we get comfortable with the sport of fox hunting. Rich proposed we build a unit as a club activity and try a small fox hunt in the Newport City Limits, which sounded interesting.

13. **For the Good of the Club**

Dale KD7BMJ recovered from a good three weeks of illness. Thankfully he did not have covid, and he and his wife, Sue, are doing good.

**GMRS** Scott C. KK7DBC brought a fun net to GMRS on January 31st, 2023, regarding the KRELL Repeater. Scott's check-in that evening provided support and an appropriate response to Jeff

WRKA470 and Gerand WROS806, owners of the KRELL repeater, regarding their concern about interference with the Cooks Repeater that ended up being programmed for tone squelch. Thank you, Scott, for an entertaining interaction with these HAM operators and our GMRS Net. You were a great "ELMER" to these guys. Thank you!

**HANDHELD** Will W. WRTI966 Saw the need for POCRG GMRS Net Control to have a better backup radio and provided Sandra with an upgrade to her radio equipment with a WOUXUN handheld. Thank you, Will. It's been fun keeping a radio on me. Thank you for this upgrade. My two new microphones arrived. Thank you for a radio check(s) on POCRG and Priest River GMRS. I often hear you.