



Pend Oreille County Radio Group

Meeting Minutes July 16, 2022

I. Call to order

President Dylan Brown, KK7BVX, called the meeting to order at 10:00. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by members.

II. Roll call

A member sign in sheet was provided in lieu of roll call with the following in attendance (Russ joining today):

Scott Carswell	David Guinee	Russ Pelleberg
Sandra Curteman	James Jeffers	Jim Pletsch
Jack Davis	Cameron LaCombe	Geoff Rusho
Gus Esteves	David Moe	Richard Schreiber
Lisa Esteves	Shannon Mossman	Dale Weathers

III. Approval of Minutes from June Meeting

Members present approved minutes from the previous meeting without objection.

IV. Financial and Treasurer Report

Secretary/Treasurer Dale Weathers provided the financial report. The Washington Federal back account was closed last month with zero balance. Dylan Brown and Dale Weathers opened a new account with Spokane Teachers Credit Union with \$64.00 from last month. There are no monthly fees. \$153.00 was collected today for dues and donations.

V. Old Business

- a) 2m lone – Jack Davis found two minor cracks in the duplexer, and he will have it back from repair next week.
- b) Hoodoo 440 – Jack Davis is working with David Guinee. Testing will be next week and hope to have it up and running by next month.
- c) Club Trustee - Scott Carswell's paper work was complete last month.
- d) Ham License Testing Volunteer Examiners (VE): Shannon Mossman reported we are now under the Greater Los Angeles Amateur Radio Group Volunteer Examiners (GLAARG.) Shannon is the GLAARG VE Coordinator (what Warren used to do.) He sets up the tests and handles the event and paperwork. Other club VE's are Rich Kroll, David Guinee and Jim Pletsch. We need three VE's to do a test, including Shannon. We can conduct a test any time. Testing can be performed on paper, electronically on phones and tablets, and remotely.
- e) Logo & Shirt Design – Cameron LaCombe showed a design. A 10 of 16 in attendance indicated interest in purchasing Hats and Shirts. Motion and 2nd to select the black logo with red lettering, motion carried, no opposed. Cameron will submit the final logo for hats and shirts.

VI. New Business

- a) Linda Weber – Motion by Shannon Mossman, Dave Moe 2nd to honor Linda KE7QDN as lifetime member of the POCRG in appreciation of Warren's contribution. Motion passed, all in favor.
- b) Annual Dues – Motion by Jim Jeffers, Gus Esteves 2nd to increase annual dues to \$20.00. During this motion another motion to make all renewals due annually in February vs. on anniversary of joining. After discussion both motions passed: Annual dues are \$20.00 per member in February.
- c) Cooks Mountain 2m Repeater – Shannon Mossman and Dylan Brown found it was on low power. Power was increased, a courtesy tone was added and the squelch tail was shortened. Members commented on the improvement in communications.

VII. For the Good of the Club

- a) Jack Davis told about corrosion on antennas. He found some on an antenna less than a year old. He said there are 3 non-metallic paints to use, clear spray to use on antennas.
- b) Work Party: Dylan Brown, Jack Davis, and David Guinee will set up a 2m/70cm antenna at Sandra Curteman's house and relocate the GMRS antenna next Wednesday after breakfast at Audrey's
- c) Group Activity – Dylan brought up the idea of an outdoor event for to encourage more radio users. The third Saturday in August is the Pend Oreille County Fair in Cusick so many could not be at our normal monthly meeting. We decided to change the POCRG meeting to Saturday, August 27 at the Newport City Park at 10:00am. We will have a Chicken BBQ (by Sandra) potluck. Bring your family and a dish. Dale will verify that we can use the Park. More discussion about getting more children/grandchildren interested in radios.
- d) Jim Pletsch had is solar telescope set up outside for folks to see various characteristics of the sun with different settings. Sun activity is affecting radio propagation. Everyone is welcome to come out and look.

VIII. Membership

- a) Current membership is 36.

IX. Adjournment

Shannon moved Dale seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:19 am