



Pend Oreille County Radio Group Meeting Minutes

September 17 2022 Diamond Lake Fire House

I. Call to order

Vice-President Jack Davis, called the meeting to order at 10:10. President Dylan Brown is out of town. The pledge of Allegiance was recited. Jack offered an invocation.

II. Roll call

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

Sandra Curteman	Shannon Mossman	John Siebert
Jack Davis	Jim Pletsch	Dale Weathers
Lilynne Davis	Gary Robertson	
Richard Kroll	Richard Schreiber	

Guest Dale and Shirley Johnson.

Dale Johnson joined today

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes from August Meeting/BBQ/Potluck were read. There was a motion to approve; seconded; approved without objection.

IV. Financial Report

Treasurer Dale Weathers reported income since July Meeting: \$60 in dues and \$100 in donations. Expense \$58 for annual PO Box rent. Current balance \$318
There was a motion to approve; seconded; approved without objection.

V. Old Business

- a) Lone 2m repeater update – Jack Davis working on the duplexer found that fittings are corroded. He has ordered new fittings. If that doesn't work he may have to install new coax. There may be an issue with the steel banding.
- b) Hoodoo GMRS repeater – David Guinee decided he won't have the antenna for it work from there. Shannon doesn't want it back and it can belong to the group. Dylan has it now.
- c) Cooks Mountain 2m Repeater – Shannon Mossman and Dylan Brown found it was on low power. Power was increased, a courtesy tone was added, the CTSS tone was stopped, and the squelch tail was shortened. Some members commented on the improvement.

Jack wants to visit the Cooks Mtn. repeater with Shannon and Dylan. Shannon will set it up.

VI. New Business

a) *[Scott Carswell is out of town but sent this new business:]*

I propose a challenge..... On a topic I feel that needs to be addressed. Since I am out of town on business 5 days a week, and only home Friday night till Monday morning. I can't hear the Repeaters during the week. But with that being said, our repeaters are so dead. On weekends. And our Nets in the past. Seems a lot want to get on the check in list and then go in-and-out and not participate..... So my challenge is: I'd be VERY MUCH INTERESTED to hear ideas from each and every one in the group. Their thoughts on how to have more traffic on the repeaters, To Attract people to the group. People are going to look elsewhere instead of on a QUIET Repeater And when they hear an active repeater they go: Hey what's going on here and they come across Cook mountain repeater for instance and don't hear anything but they're call out and no one is there to answer or chat they're gonna look elsewhere. Everyone stays safe. Any questions give me a call, Sincerely, your Repeater Trustee.
Scott KK7DBC 73,s
Discussion, but now action taken.

b) Request to review what the group is doing about Ham License testing. Discussed the idea of having testing available after each of our monthly meetings. Folks agreed.

VII. Membership

2 more members joined since July. Current Membership is 39.

VIII. Training.

Richard Kroll gave a presentation on Radio Frequency Interference.

IX. For the Good of the Club

a) An antenna was installed on Sandra Curteman's house by group members. It worked fine. Need to see what is wrong now since it was used in the park at our August meeting.

b) Discussion about correct repeater usage. Microphone: Click ..pause..Talk..Release.
The issue is transmitter overheating. At Hi power ours has a 50% duty cycle and 100% at Lo power. There is a 3 minute timeout.

c) Dale Johnson asked how our nets work. Sandra described how she runs the Tuesday GMRS net.

X. Adjournment

Jack moved, Richard seconded, and all agreed to adjourn at 11:20 AM

Next Meeting Saturday 10:00 AM October 15, 2022 Diamond Lake Fire Station