

JUNEAU AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

8/2/2017

The August 2, 2017 regular meeting of the Juneau Amateur Radio Club was called to order by President Jeff Deaner at 7:05 P.M.

Attendance: Scott Novak, KL3JM; Rick Pearson, KL7PHB; Glenn Sicks, KLØQZ; Martha Palicka, KL4FS; Pat Moore, AL7L; Rob Breiffelth, AL5G; Dave Bruce, WL&BKA; Howard Shepherd, AL7I; Joe Johnson, KL2ZS; Jeff Deaner, KL7JVD; Destiny Sargent, KL4FQ, Jerry Prindle, KL7HFI, guests Deborah Horner.

Minutes of July 5, 2017, Regular Meeting: The minutes of the July 5, 2017 Regular Meeting were corrected in that the date of the ARES Exercise is August 5, not August 6. The minutes were approved as corrected. .

Membership Report: Membership Chair Dave Bruce reported the current membership at 54.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Scott Novak submitted the following report:

The current balance of the general checking account is \$6793.25 in the general account and \$210.31 in the gaming account. Expenses were \$120.82 for expenses associated with Field Day.

VHF Report: No report.

Special Projects Report: There are no major contests until November. August 21st is the solar eclipse. There will be an amateur radio event over a three hour period. The goal is to make contacts, follow the event over that time and note anything unusual.

Emergency Communications/ARES Report: Martha Palicka reported that the ARES group will conduct an exercise on Saturday August 5th to test limitations of communications throughout the Juneau area using simplex. Members will be stationed at different points across the Juneau area. Communications will be established initially using the linked repeater system. Communications will then shift to 146.58 MHz simplex. She noted that she needed more volunteers so there can be one member in each location to expedite the test. Additional members volunteered at the meeting. Everyone will be at the assigned location by 1100. A report on this exercise will be developed by Martha and be distributed to the Club. Martha proposes to write an article detailing the test and findings for possible submission to QST or a similar publication.

September 15-16 will be the Disaster Preparedness Expo at Centennial Hall. JARC has had a booth and display about Amateur Radio in emergency communications in the past. The Club needs to decide on the level of its participation at the September meeting.

VE Report: There were no licensing examination sessions held during the past month.

There is a Technician Course beginning August 3rd, running on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7-9. It is expected to last five weeks. A General License course will begin Tuesday September 19th, also 7-9 P.M. and continue on Thursdays 7-9 P.M. and Saturday mornings until October 28th. An Amateur Extra course will begin November 2nd and continue through December 26th. Pat Moore will confirm dates and times.

New Business: There will be a potluck "thank you" picnic for the NOAA NWS Forecast Office staff on Thursday August 31st at 3 P.M. The Club will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. Members will contribute side dishes

and desserts. Larry Walter moved that \$200 be approved for food purchase for the event. Scott Novak seconded; the motion passed.

There was a proposal to upgrade the Mount Ripinski's Yaesu repeater and to purchase a new Comet tri-band antenna. Larry Walter moved to approve \$300 for the upgrade. Pat Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

Ernie Mueller, KL2UH, loaned his Heil headset and foot switch to the Club for its use on Field Day. The headset was damaged. He returned the headset to Heil for repair. Meanwhile the Club had ordered a new one. The Club decided to retain the new headset for its use in the future and to reimburse Ernie for the cost of the repairs to his headset. Pat Moore moved to approve \$275 for the new headset and the repairs. The motion was seconded by Rick Pearson and passed without objection.

There being no further business to be brought before the Club, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

Thanks to Martha Palicka for taking notes and preparing draft minutes for this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ernie Mueller, KL2UH, Secretary
Juneau Amateur Radio Club