

JUNEAU AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

10/4/2017

The October 4, 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; Rob Breiffelth, AL5G; Dave Bruce, WL7BKA; Howard Shepherd, AL7I; Joe Johnson, KL2ZS; Jeff Deaner, KL7JVD; Destiny Sargeant, KL4FQ; John Barnett, KL4OB; Jerry Prindle, KL7HFI; Pat Moore, AL7L; Dick Farnell, KL4HO; Sam Smith, KLØKZ, Dan Palicka, KL4FR; Bill Andre, NL3A; Ernie Mueller, KL2UH; Russell Strandtman, KL7HAO; Deb Horner, KL4OB.

Minutes of August 2, 2017 and September 6, 2017 Regular Meetings: The Minutes of the August 2, 2017 and September 6, 2017 Regular Meetings were approved as submitted.

Membership Report: Membership Chair Dave Bruce reported the current membership at 55.

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

The current balance of the general checking account is \$6,605.75 and the gaming account is \$99.01.

Deposits for the month included \$45.00 from dues and \$0.24 in bank dividends.

Expenses were \$111.30 for educational material for the Emergency Preparedness Exposition. Jeff Deaner has some invoices for reimbursement as does Destiny Sargent.

VHF Report: No activity.

Special Projects Report: Pat Moore reported that there will be a RTTY contest this weekend. The contest is in three eight-hour segments and calculates the distance between the stations as the basis for points, using grid squares. Bands used will be 80, 40, 20 and 10m. The sponsor is Pizza Lovers 259, an ARRL contest club.

Pat also mentioned that the 630 and 2200 meter band allocations have been approved by the FCC. Amateurs cannot use these frequencies within 1 km of a power line that carries low frequency communications. Alaska Electric Light and Power uses low frequency communications over its power lines and to the Snettisham powerhouse. Operators must register with the Utilities Technology Council before using these bands. Pat will check with AEL&P engineers to determine the extent of potential interference.

The Amateur Extra licensing class will begin November 2 and run Tuesdays and Thursdays 7-9 PM and Saturdays 9 AM to 12 Noon at the National Weather Service Conference Room.

Scott Novak installed an antenna on the roof of the Red Cross Office for its FM radio, which uses a dedicated Red Cross frequency.

VE Report: There will be an examination session on October 5 at 6:00 PM at the Weather Service.

Emergency Communications/ARES Report: Martha Palicka reported that there was a good turnout for the ARES meeting at 6:00 PM tonight. She thanked all those who made the JARC participation at the CBJ

Emergency Preparedness Exposition a success: especially Sam Smith for setting up and taking down equipment (and for loaning equipment to the effort.) And those who helped: Rick Pearson, Glenn Sicks, Scott Novak, Dan & Martha Palicka, Bill Andre, and Larry Walter. There was a good turnout for the event and she collected a list of those who are interested in Amateur Radio. Because of this event, Martha suggested that the Club do more in the various public media resources.

The ARES Net now meets on the JARC linked repeater system, the Eaglecrest repeater to pick up stations along the Yukon Amateur Radio Association linked repeater system and on 80 meters, where it may be able to include Sitka.

There was a discussion about the Club securing vests for use during Club ARES activities and other events. Pat Moore indicated that the Yukon Amateur Radio Association has vests which can carry a handheld radio in a chest pocket, he will find out more about these.

Old Business: Jerry Prindle is working on repairs to the equipment that is scheduled to be installed for the Hoonah Mountain Repeater.

Dan Palicka volunteered to inspect the surplus Red Cross Explorer and report back on whether it may be of value to the Club.

New Business: Pat Moore moved that the Annual Meeting be held on January 13, 2018 at the St. Brendan's Episcopal Church. He added that there be a nominating committee composed of the past presidents. The motion passed. Sam Smith stated that he would check with the Church on availability but did not expect any conflicts.

There being no further business to be brought before the Club, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ernie Mueller, KL2UH,
Secretary
Juneau Amateur Radio Club

The next meeting of the Juneau Amateur Radio Club will be 7:00 P.M., Wednesday November 1, 2017, at the National Weather Service Forecast Office, 8500 Mendenhall Loop Road, Juneau.