

JUNEAU AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

9/6/2017

The September 6, 2017 regular meeting of the Juneau Amateur Radio Club was called to order by President Jeff Deaner at 7:01 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, Sam Smith, KLØKZ, Dan Palicka, KL4FR; Bill Andre, NL3A; Ernie Mueller, KL2UH, Guest Nathan Walsh..

Minutes of August 2, 2017, Regular Meeting: The Minutes of the August 2, 2017 Regular Meeting were not available for consideration; consideration of those minutes will be at the October Regular Meeting.

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, 560.51 in the general account and \$210.31 in the gaming account.

Deposits for the month included \$29.16 from Amazon Smile and \$0.26 in bank dividends.

Expenses were \$193.97 for a Heil Pro-Set headset with boom mike, \$25.19 reimbursement to Glenn Sicks for field day tarps and \$43.00 reimbursement to Ernie Mueller for repairs to his headset damaged at Field Day.

There are outstanding invoices for the August Weather Service Picnic.

VHF Report:

Jeff reported that he had applied for an ATT Pioneers Grant on behalf of the Club. The Club did not receive the grant, but was encouraged to apply next year.

Special Projects Report:

Scott Novak and Pat Moore will go to Skagway the weekend of the 9th of September to assist the Yukon Amateur Radio Association in providing communications support to the Klondike Road Relay from Skagway, Alaska to Whitehorse, Yukon. The Club should discuss and make a decision on the whether it should pay some reimbursement for the expenses involved in providing this support in the future.

The annual Voice Sweepstakes contest will be November 18-20, 2017. This is a big event for the Juneau Amateur Radio Club and everyone is encouraged to participate. The Club will participate from the Fire Control Training Center on Sherwood Drive. More information will be in the November Newsletter and emailed to all Club members.

September 15-16 will be the Disaster Preparedness Expo at Centennial Hall. JARC will have a booth and display about Amateur Radio in emergency communications as in the past.

Emergency Communications/ARES Report:

Martha Palicka reported that the August 5 communication exercise was highly successful. Communications between operators in the field went surprisingly well over simplex. The Eaglecrest Repeater could be contacted from almost all stations, confirming that it is a valuable resource when other systems are down. Martha thanked everyone who participated. Several Club members confirmed that this was the best emergency communications exercise the Club has held.

VE Report:

The Technician Class completed in August resulted in three new Amateur Radio licensees: Deborah Horner, KL4OD, John Barnett, KL4OB and Josh Houston, KL4OC. Thanks to Jerry Prindle for teaching the Class and supervising the examinations.

A General License course will begin Tuesday September 19th, 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.

Jerry Prindle is working on repairs of the equipment for the Hoonah repeater.

Old Business:

Thanks to Sam Smith for cooking in the rain during the National Weather Service appreciation picnic. There were about ten members of the Club in attendance and about 6 staff members from the NWS.

New Business: The Red Cross has an old Ford Explorer that it wants to surplus. There seemed to be little interest in the Club acquiring this vehicle.

There being no further business to be brought before the Club, the meeting adjourned at 7:51 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. October 4, 2017, at the National Weather Service Forecast Office, 8500 Mendenhall Loop Road, Juneau.