

JUNEAU AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

10/3/18

The October 3, 2018 regular meeting of the Juneau Amateur Radio Club was called to order by President Destiny Sargeant, KL4D at 7:04 P.M.

Attendance: Destiny Sargeant, KL4D; David Bruce, WL7BKA; Scott Novak, KL3JM; Glenn Sicks, KLØQZ; Howard Shepherd, AL7I; Jeffrey Deaner, KL7JVD; Ernie Mueller, KL2UH; Martha Palicka, KL4FS; Pat Moore, AI7L; Jerry Prindle, KL7HFI; Nicole Ferrin, KL3PI; James Zuelow, KL2ZZ; Larry Walter, KL7IWC; Russell Strandtmann, KL7HAO; Rick Pearson, KL7PHB by teleconference.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the September 5, 2018 meeting were approved as corrected (date was incorrect).

Membership report: Membership Chair David Bruce reported that there are 58 members paid for 2018, no change from the last report.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Scott Novak reported that the balance in the General Account is \$11,387.20 and the gaming account is \$129.56. There were no expenses in September and deposits included \$200 from the sale of the tower trailer inverter and 0.41 in bank dividends. Scott asks that Club members who have receipts for payment present them to him, particularly those for field day and the NWS picnic.

VHF report: The Hoonah Mountain repeater is functioning; the UHF link is not connected to the Lena repeater yet as some work needs to be done at Lena. Some stations in Juneau may be able to directly connect to the Hoonah repeater at 146.700 (-) 100Hz tone.

VE report: There was no activity in September.

Education report: There was no report.

Special Activities report: There was no Special Activities report. The Voice Sweepstakes contest will be November 17-19 this year. There are a number of State QSO parties in October.

ARES: ARES Coordinator Martha Palicka, KL4FS reported that there was an ARES meeting at 6:00 PM today. She would like to have the NVIS antenna design that was used in the August exercise to be modeled for its theoretical transmit characteristics. Pat Moore offered to do this if she could provide him the information.

Martha also said that she has received a lot of information from and about the candidates running to ARRL Director and Vice-Director positions and that the Alaska State ARES organization has some information that might bear on ARES issues, she will forward this to the Club members.

ARRL has determined that all ARES members are required to complete four Incident Command System courses: ICS-100, ICS-200, ICS-700 and ICS-800. These courses can be taken on-line through the FEMA Emergency Management Institute.

Martha asks that ARES members and Club members in general volunteer to serve as Net Control Operator for the Tuesday 7:00 P.M. ARES net exercise. This is a good opportunity to learn net control skills and practice operating in a structured script-driven environment. Please let current net control operator know you are interested when the call for new control operators is made.

OLD BUSINESS

The tower trailer generator has been removed and the trailer has been spray washed and returned to the Fire Control Station.

Dan Palicka is working on the prize for the gun raffle. Scott has emailed him the State required language for the tickets.

Jeff Deaner has applied to AT&T for a Pioneer grant. If awarded the \$5000 grant can be spent on anything related to the Club's mission. It was suggested that the Club might use funds like this to provide NVIS antennas to other communities.

There was some discussion concerning an allocation for public service activities. It was suggested that funds might be used to support JARC members traveling to Haines and/or Skagway to provide communications support for the annual international bike and foot races. The costs of each of these could exceed \$1000 for transportation and lodging. There are amateur radio operators and at least one Club member in Haines. There also may be opportunities for other public service activities. Pat moved that \$500 be set aside for this project, James seconded the motion. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Pat Moore mentioned that the FCC has designated the 60 meter channel frequency 5.1675 as the Alaska Emergency Frequency and members may want to build dipole antennas for this frequency and use it for emergency communications exercises. Some transceivers may not be able to tune to this frequency; Yaesu HF transceivers have it as a menu option to set into the 60 meter memory channel bank.

The Club's Annual Meeting will be held in January; potential dates are January 12 or 19. Ernie will either contact Sam Smith to make arrangements or contact St. Brendan's Church himself. James moved and Pat seconded that \$600 be set aside for expenses related to the annual meeting. The motion passed. Pat will chair the nominating committee and report at the December meeting.

The annual ARRL Voice Sweepstakes will be the third full weekend in November; the actual contest will be November 17-18 with setup on the 16th and teardown on the 18th. Dave Bruce will contact the Fire Training Center to be sure that the site is available. There may be a need to make repairs to some of the equipment, particularly the rotator controller.

The Club does not own an HF amplifier and the amplifier that has been borrowed is old and subject to failure. It was suggested that the Club purchase a new amplifier that could work with its existing

Yaesu 950 HF transceiver. Elecraft now has a good price on a 500 watt amplifier and tuner set. Jerry moved and Pat seconded that the club purchase this unit at a cost not to exceed \$3000. The motion passed.

Larry reported that he has inspected and cleaned the tower trailer now that the generator and inverter have been removed. He stated that the wheels are getting rusty and the tires (which are very expensive) will eventually need replacement. He moved that the \$2300 from the sale of the generator and inverter be designated in a fund for future repairs and modifications to the trailer, Pat seconded. The motion passed.

There was some discussion about how to involve more of the Club members in the activities of the Club. It was suggested that personal contact might be effective.

Howard reported that the Eaglecrest management reported that the antennas for the Eaglecrest Repeater become iced up and shed ice that might injure skiers below. They suggested there be some heat trace added to the antennas to prevent ice buildup. Howard secured a bid from an electrical contractor for running a power line to the antenna. The cost was \$3612.79. An alternative would be to relocate the antennas to a location where this is not a problem; this will be explored further. In the interim the antenna will be removed until next spring.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Pat thanked the Club members for the card and support for him when he was in the hospital in Seattle. Rick also thanked members for their support and said that he should be back to Juneau about November 1. President Sargeant mentioned that the Club will make a donation of \$500 to Rick to help him get back on his feet when he returns home. Sam Smith thanked the Club for the card and support while he was in the hospital in Seattle and his recovery at home in Juneau.

There being no further business to be brought before the Club, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Ernie Mueller, KL2UH
Secretary, JARC

The next regular meeting of the Juneau Amateur Radio Club will be Wednesday November 7, 2018, 7:00 P.M. at the National Weather Service Forecast Office, 8500 Mendenhall Loop Road, Juneau.