Monthly Business Meeting
May 22, 2018

W7GFA Gary Anger	KD7CEM Don Magee
KF7STP Mike Orcutt	W7JSN Jason Fouts
KB7RGX Camber Bybee	K7KKM Gail Hinshaw
KG7UAV Mike Abernathy	KI7FXJ Tyson Brooks
KD7JG Joel Hinshaw	W7IXZ Larry Wilson
W7IYA Nancy Wilson	

Tyson opened the meeting at 1801.
Gary read the minutes of last meeting. no changes.
Treasurers report $2055.47

Old Business

Membership Drive mailings. we still need to print and mail our letters. Tyson will gather the materials. Joel has the scrubbed mailing list and we will include a club application. Applications can be mailed back to PO Box 507, Union Oregon 97883 (Mike Orcutt).

Our club's meeting times etc. are being announced on local radio 1450 AM and the local paper the Observer and the Union County chamber of commerce have us on their calendar as well.

Brett Clapp (local video and La Grande Live) wants to do a video interview about our club and ham radio. Anybody wanting to participate in the video interview let Tyson know. He would like to have some seasoned hams with him on the interview.

New Business

We discussed updating our e-mails because e-mails addressed to members of certain club positions are still going to formers holders of such positions.

We will have our next club breakfast at the Flying J in La Grande Oregon on 9 June 2018 at 0900 after which we will hold an exam session. (Pacific Time)
Joel will find out if Graham will be in town and will be willing to hold the session at his residence. An announcement will be issued when we have a venue for the exam and a time as well.

ARES Report

Jason has submitted paperwork for our local ARES group to be reestablished.
Jason would like to know who wants to be a member of the local ARES group. ARES may be obtaining an additional HF rig which will allow local ARES to work phone and digital.

VE Report

We discussed possibly holding a quarterly VE session, at 1800 once a quarter at one of our regular club meetings after which the club meeting would begin. We will discuss further in June.

Tyson met a ham at tri-cities (Washington) swap meet who is wanting to install a digipeater on the Spout Springs repeater,
primarily for ARES purposes.

Tyson is still compiling his 'Quartermasters' report of club equipment inventory.

Tyson would like to thank outside entities for their support to the club, i.e. the Grande Ronde Hospital where our repeater is located, and also to Jeff Cruse and his business Priority One/EONI who helps with our e-mail system among other things.
Of note, the Grande Ronde Hospital internal newsletter included an article about us having a repeater in their building, our purpose and solicited additional ham members who work at the hospital to join our club. Tyson passed around copies of the article. There are an estimated 800 people who receive that newsletter.
Tyson would like to put some type of thanks to those entities on our website.

Upcoming Events

SeaPac - ham fest next weekend
Field Day - 23 and 24 June 2018. Tyson will put flyers up in various locations in the area.
Crazy Days in La Grande, July 21, 2018. We discussed setting up a station for the event, using VHF and possibly HF. We may use our club callsign (W7GRA) More discussion at June meeting.

We discussed our status of ARRL membership as a club and Tyson informed us that he updated our information with ARRL when he took the position as President of the club.

BBQ - Our summer get-together will be on Labor Day at 1300 at the Hinshaw's residence in Summerville, Oregon. Bring a side dish please.

Field Day

Mike Abernathy might not be able to attend Field Day, but he has a server we can use for our field day logging system.

Presentations

Tyson demonstrated the mesh network system equipment we will use at field day this year.

the meeting adjourned at 1900.

submitted by W7GFA, smitten by the secretary bug.

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