Monthly Business Meeting
June 26, 2018

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W7GFA Gary Anger	KG7UAV Michael Abernathy
KI7FXJ Tyson Brooks	W7JSN Jason Fouts
KB7RGX Camber Bybee	W7PJS Graham Hicks
KA7ISH Jessee Hale	KD7JG Joel Hinshaw
KD7CEM Don Magee	W7IXZ Larry Wilson
W7IYA Nancy Wilson	

The meeting started at 1803.
Gary read May 22,2018 minutes. No changes. Minutes accepted.
Treasurers report. $2055.47 no change since last month.

Old Business

Club mailings for membership drive not done yet. Joel will get a copy of our proposed mailing list.
Brett Clapp media/La Grande Alive, tried to get an interview done prior to field day but it did not happen, but he did interview Tyson for a short video on Facebook live. Tyson wants to do a sit-down interview with him soon.

Tyson is still compiling his club equipment inventory.
Our previous e-mail problem with forwarding emails to proper entities is resolved and Tyson has access to it, so he can make changes.

Joel is working on our updates to Log Book of the World, but we need to register our access to it with the Trustee's information (Gary Anger). Joel said he would get with Gary to get that accomplished.

Tyson said we have all our field day contact information saved to a laptop and we will upload to E-QSL.

We had 404 eligible contacts during field day with 606 points.

New Business

ARES Report

Jason Fouts is still trying to get all potential ARES members registered. Anybody not receiving his e-mails, or not wanting to receive his e-mails about ARES let Jason know.

VE Report

We held a session at Graham's residence after the breakfast. Trevor Anger was the sole candidate and he passed his Technician exam. His callsign is KI7ZEH.
We discussed possibly establishing a quarterly VE session and we will attempt to publish a notice prior to and look for interest. We could publish on ARRL site, our club website, possibly in the Nickel and the local paper (The Observer).
Tyson will contact Ted and make plans.

Field Day

Thank to Michael Abernathy for the Taco Soup Saturday night.
Dick Mason from the Observer visited field day and did phone interviews as well and published a write up with a photo in the June 25, 2018 Observer. Tyson plans to thank Dick for the article.

La Grande Alive did a short Facebook interview as previously mentioned. Elkhorn Media reportedly did a Public Service Announcement about our club.
Tyson did a press release on Facebook with photos and solicits your photos to add to Facebook and eventually on the W7GRA website.

Tyson had put up flyers all around the county prior to field day and invited various public officials to come out. He had a good discussion with Matt Scarfo, Union County Commissioner Elect who showed great interest in what we can do if called upon.
Special points for field day contacts. Jason and Mike Abernathy will let Tyson know what special points they may have accumulated.

The network worked well after working out a couple of problems.
Tyson wants to make an operating manual for future field days to assist with getting the network up and running.

Field day debrief.
What did the participants do right this year compared to previous years?
Better network which helped avoid having more than one station on the same band using the same mode
Discussion ensued about cross station interference and how to avoid it

What did we do wrong?
Used antennas that did not work. Not having two operators at each station to help with logging. Discussion on using an automated logging system with digital modes ensued.

All who participated agreed that this year's event with six stations went amazingly well.

Upcoming Events

1. Crazy Days in La Grande, 21 July 2018. Tyson wants to set up a station until probably 1400, using HF. We could hold a drawing for a new Technician study manual with the hopes of making contact with potential candidates.

2. Labor Day picnic at Hinshaw's residence, 1 PM on 3 September. Bring a side dish. Bring rubber ducks to race down the creek.

Other Stuff

Larry donated a 2007 book on how to form a non-profit organization (in case somebody donates equipment to the club and wants a tax write off) ((.....)))

We discussed participating in contests throughout the year as a club.

Larry's discourse on stubs served to serve as a presentation.

The meeting adjourned at 1923

Submitted by Gary Anger W7GFA, smitten by the secretary bug
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