Meeting Minutes for
January 28, 2020
Present were

Name	Call Sign	Name	Call Sign
Gary Anger (Secretary)	W7GFA	Michael Abernathy	KK7MA
Joe Nolan	KB7WBI	Graham Hicks	W7PJS
Mike Rose	Tech Candidate	Larry Wilson	W7IXZ
Myra Britschgi		Nancy Wilson	W7IYA
John Britschgi	W7GQE	Mike Orcutt (Treasurer)	KF7STP
Don Magee	KD7CEM	Tyson Brooks (President)	KI7FXJ
Jason Fouts	W7JSN		
Joel Hinshaw (V. President)	KD7JG		

Meeting opened at 1813 pending arrival of members en route.

Introductions:

Mike Rose, Technician candidate introduced himself and we did round robin introductions.

Minutes Read & Treasury report:

Gary read the minutes of November's meeting; the last meeting held in 2019. Minutes accepted with one change concerning the EC001 ARES course. It is not mandatory a I had reported in November's minutes, but ARES does encourage members to complete it.

Mike Orcutt reported we have $2186.59 in the Treasury, not calculating or reflecting $200 just reimbursed to Gary for Club insurance for 2020, and new dues collected tonight.

Old Business:

- Tyson informed us that the by-laws posted on the W7GRA website are indeed the current and correct by-laws.
- Club repeater Wires-X is on-line again albeit with a few issues, i.e. packet drops.
    - A fairly new General-class operator from Pendleton is often on local 2 meters, callsign unknown but please welcome him if you hear him call out when he's in the area.
- Thank you to Graham for again hosting our Club Christmas party, and Thank you to Gail and Joel Hinshaw for all of their contributions and help as well.

- Club breakfasts: We have begun to hold them at Denny's in La Grande, and all agreed to continue to hold them at Denny's as they are very open to accommodating us.

New Business:

- Annual dues are due.
- We will hold elections for officers tonight.
- ARRL's new b-monthly magazine is geared toward new hams. The printed version is probably available only to new operators, but an e-version is open to all.

Recent Events:

The Eagle Cap Extreme sled dog race took place from 22 to 25 January 2020. Gary and Michael Abernathy both participated as radio operators in the Safety and Communication group. They both discussed their roles and the importance of us being there. Jesse Hale, KA7ISH (not present tonight) also participated.

There was a valid Search and Rescue event this year as one of the mushers was injured late in the race Saturday morning, emphasizing the importance of ham radio in the event. (Emphasis mine.)

Club Election:

Tyson passed out election ballots as we discussed and went back over some of the by-laws, particularly those that address elections and tenures.

Tyson agreed to run for President again but reiterated that according to the by-laws this is to be his **last term** as President.

Michael Abernathy agreed to run for Vice-President.

Mike Orcutt agreed to remain as Treasurer which has no time limit on tenure.

Per by-laws, Gary is to step down as Secretary.

ARES Report:

Jason discussed ARES and reported there is still good participation from the local area and the region. HF comms are not good as of late. Callsign K7UNI is revalidated for local ARES station.

VE Report:

Gary will tally-up 2019 Volunteer Exam results per Tyson's request.

Upcoming Contests / Events:

Michael Abernathy discussed some up-coming events. See the Contest Calendar for details. There is a link to the Contest Calendar on the Club website. (W7GRA)

The **La Grande Gun Show** will be held February 22 and 23, 2020 at the La Grande Armory. Tyson will set up a booth and a station in the back side of the large room. Help is requested. We set up this station in order to attract interest in ham radio and demonstrate a bit of our abilities.

Last year some of us participated in the **MY PI Oregon** program for youth which went over quite well. We did a class for the group on Amateur Radio. We may be asked to participate again this year.

There is likely to be a **SKYWARN** class in the spring for new certification and refresher training.

Election Results:

Ballots were collected and the election results are as follow:
President - Tyson Brooks
Vice-President - Michael Abernathy
Secretary - Joel Hinshaw
Treasurer - Mike Orcutt

Presentations:

Following the election tally Tyson did a show and tell. He recently helped a friend clean out the friend's grandfather's house and shop and brought back some relic equipment, some of which he brought in tonight.

The meeting adjourned at 1902 after which three of our VE's proctored the Technician exam for Mike Rose who PASSED the exam.

Congratulations to Mike and welcome to ham radio.

Following up on the request that Gary tally the VE results for 2019 I include the following information:
In 2019 we had two candidates achieve Technician class licenses
and three achieve General class licenses.
So far in 2020 we have had one candidate achieve Extra class and one achieve Technician (Mike Rose, tonight).
Thank you all for your support during my tenure as Club Secretary over the years.

73's. W7GFA