Meeting Minutes for
February 25, 2020
Present were

Name	Call Sign	Name	Call Sign
Joel Hinshaw	KD7JG	Nancy Wilson	W7IYA
Gail Hinshaw	K7KKM	Gary Anger	W7GFA
Graham Hicks	W4PJS	Tee Gandy	
Mike Orcutt	KF7STP	Tyson Brooks	KI7FXJ
Dennis Botterff	WQFZ374 (GMRS)	Hank Warg	KD6FVL
Michael Abernathy	KK7MA	Joe Nolan	KB7WDI
Don Magee	KD7CEM	Jason Fouts	W7JSN
Larry Wilson	W7IXZ		

Tyson opened meeting at 6:05 PM (18:05 02:00 UTC)

Introductions:

Minutes Read & Treasury report:
Joel read minutes from the January meeting. Minutes accepted as read. Mike gave treasurers report stating the group had a balance of $2314.00
with $40.00 owed to Tyson for Gun Show expenses. Mike also reminded members that dues are due for the new year 2020. They are $20.00 per
member / family.

Old Business:

- Mike Rose gained his Technician license having passed the test after the January meeting. His new call sign is KJ7MFV. Along with the new ticket Mike gets a one year membership to GRRAA. Congratulations Mike.

- The La Grande Gun Show went well with several people stopping by our table to ask questions and inquire about becoming licensed. Tyson took the lead in setting up the

table with his HF radio, lap top computer and monitor for people to see the display from his IC-7610 transceiver.
Tyson also put together an information pamphlet for people to pickup with information about the club and Amateur Radio. Members manned the table Saturday and Sunday. Tyson asked for members to provide input on the pamphlet he put together for changes, additions or corrections. It was brought up that the pamphlet could be placed around town at different places for people who might be interested in Ham Radio.

- The My PI Oregon group may ask the club to provide another radio class again this year similar to the one we did last year for the group. Nothing has been confirmed at this time, however.

New Business:

- Tyson stated that the ARRL website will be down for maintenance February 28th. More information is available at the ARRL's web site prior to the planned shutdown.

- Tyson asked the members what they would like to do as a club. Discussion followed with members liking the programs on building electronic equipment and the wave theory video shown earlier.

- The Eastern Washington Packet Radio Group (EWARG) announced that they have terminated their 2-meter packet network in Eastern Washington and that they have some packet TNCs and other equipment for sale to interested parties. The reason for the shutdown is to pursue High Speed digital alternatives.

ARES Report:

- Jason W7JSN gave an update on the ARES activities. The group has eight active members that take part in weekly exercises on Sunday afternoon and the two statewide emergency simulations during the year. Jason stated that the group is always looking for interested operators at any skill level to join the group. The next statewide simulation will be April 18, 9:00 to 1:00 PM. Graham gave a short history regarding the 2007storm event that led to the state buying equipment for county EOC's who wished to participate. All but two counties statewide signed on to accept the assistance.

VE Report:

- Gary W7GFA stated that there is no one currently ready to test for a new Ham license however Hank Warg KD6FVL is interested in upgrading his license. There was an anomaly with the test booklet provide to Mike Rose who was testing for technician license. The flawed test booklet was replaced.

Upcoming Contests / Events:

- Mike, KK7MA gave an update on upcoming contests and an explanation as to what a contest is. Field Day, 7QP, Novice Rig Roundup and others were given as examples. Information on contests can be found at Contest Calendar WA7BNM. The web address is WWW.contestcalendar.com. Mike suggested that working a contest might be a good way to help new Hams get on the air by having them come to a ham's shack who has a station setup and operating so the new Ham could get some hands on experience.
- Tyson is setting up a Sky Warn training class for some time in March or April. The class will be taught by the National Weather Service and will last about 1:30 hours and will most likely be on a Saturday. If you are interested contact Tyson for more information.

Presentations:

Tyson gave a very interesting presentation on working Slow Scan TV both via land-based stations and with the International Space Station.

He explained the equipment / software used in this mode.

Joel KD7JG