



The October meeting of the Grande Ronde Radio Amateur Association was called to order at 6:00 PM by Tyson KI7FXJ.

Present were

Name	Call Sign	Name	Call Sign
Graham Hicks	W4PJS	Ted Ivester	N7NSL
Don Magee	KD7CEM	John Britschgi	W7GQE
Dennis Bottoroff	KJ7ODW	Mike Rose	KJ7MFV
Kallie Rose	No Call YL	Javan Ireland	KJ7RDP
Tyson Brooks	KI7FXJ		

Introductions:

Tyson was the only officer present at the meeting.

Minutes Read & Treasury report:

Mike KI7STP emailed Tyson with the balance in the Club checking account. \$2294.59
 The minutes from the September meeting were not read but accepted as they were emailed to the membership.

Old Business:

The Club breakfast was held October 12th at Denney's with a good turnout. The November breakfast will be on November 9th at Denney's starting at 9:00 AM.

The Club repeater 146.98 is still having issues with the Wires-x mode and Tyson will try to access the repeater site at the hospital to make adjustments and get it working on Wires-x. The 147.26 repeater on Mt. Fanny is also having issues. It will not pick up a transmission at times and Tyson thinks there may be a problem with the controller. He has emailed Julian KK7JX to see if a trip to the site may be possible before winter sets in.

It was decided that the Christmas potluck dinner be called off for this year. It was originally going to be at Graham's W4PJS home. Instead, if any of the members would like to get together for a no host dinner at Denney's or some other location, we will be discussing that option at the November meeting. A big THANK YOU! to Graham for hosting the Club Christmas dinner in the past.

New Business:

Tyson KI7FXJ hosted a training class geared to the new Technician license holders. Some of the topics of discussion were Coax connectors, coax types, power supplies, digital modes of operation among other topics. Tyson wants to do another training session in November to cover other topics of interest. The date is tentatively Nov. 21. If you have a subject you would like to have covered, email Tyson with your request.

Ted N7NSL wants to do an antenna building workshop at his garage some time in November. Date and time to be announced, price of admission is a small donation of firewood.

Tyson mentioned again that the ARRL has online training classes you can take. Some are recorded, others are real time which need to be signed up for in advance. Tyson has looked at some of the offerings and said they were very well done.

ARES Report:

An update on the ARES activities was given by Tyson. The weekly WinLink practice session is ongoing with operators sending a situation report to K7UNI the Union Co. ARES station call sign by any means available any time during the week. The other activity by the ARES group is the 80-meter voice net which starts at 6:15 PM Pacific on 3.955 MHz every Sunday afternoon. Everyone is welcomed to participate in the voice net, and anyone interested in the other ARES activities contact Jason W7JSN or Tyson KI7FXJ for more information. Any class of license holder is welcome.

VE Report:

VE status was discussed and in December the existing system of generating and grading license tests will no longer be valid because the software currently used to generate the tests will no longer function. The specifics of the new method of providing VE tests to applicants is still being worked out. The one thing that is clear is that the GRRAA VE group will have to comply with the new system if we are going to continue to provide Amateur setting services. Tyson has set up a test session for December 12th, but I am not sure about this date as it was to take place after the Club breakfast at Graham's home at 900 Main in La Grande. However, the December breakfast is on Dec.14. Anyone wishing to take a test should contact Tyson or Gary W7GFA.

Event and Contest Update

Contest update was not available as Mike KK7MA was not in attendance. Current contest information can be found at www.contestcalendar.com.

The Eagle Cap Extreme dog sled race is coming up in January. Julian KK7JX is in charge of providing communications for the race using Amateur operators. If you would like to participate you can sign up and get more information at the Eagle Cap Extreme .com web site.