



Meeting Minutes for  
 March 26, 2019  
 Present were

Name	Call Sign	Name	Call Sign
Gary Anger	W7GFA	Nathan Smutz	Future Ham
Tyson Brooks	KI7FXJ	Jason Fouts	W7JSN
Camber Bybee	KB7RGX	Eric Valentine	Guest Speaker
Ted Ivester	N7NSL	Larry Wilson	W7IXZ
Michael Abernathy	KK7MA	Nancy Wilson	W7IYA
Kandi Hall	Future Ham	Joel Hinshaw	KD7JG
Don Magee	KD7CEM	Graham Hicks	W4PJS
Irwin Smutz	KD7VY	Ellis Mason (Banks Oregon)	K7DRZ

The meeting opened at 1805 with round-robin introductions.  
 Gary read the minutes of the Feb 26, 2019 meeting.

Treasury report:

Treasurers report: \$2379.59 in treasury. (of note, Gary still requests reimbursement of \$200 for club insurance)

Guest Speaker:

Mr. Eric Valentine talked to the group about the possibility of introducing amateur radio to the Scouts, specifically, to the Explorer Scouts. He provided detailed information of what our involvement might be and the responsibilities and impacts we could have. In effect we could become a charter organization of the Explorers or a 'sponsoring' group.

Open Business

We recapped the My PI Oregon program that Robin Gerber (sorry, name misspelled in last months' minutes) discussed last month with us.

We as a club will present to the My PI Oregon program on April 18th at 1700 at the La Grande Armory and will also conduct an amateur radio demonstration on an upcoming Saturday.

## New Business

The ARRL is e-mailing out two petitions on rule changes.

1. Petition One is RM 11828 and proposes expanding Technician Class operator privileges.
2. Petition Two is RM 11829 and proposes a new class of license called TYRO, with 70cm band privileges.

Look on the FCC website for more data. Tyson will e-mail to members more information. The FCC is soliciting input and opinions on the two petitions.

## ARES Report:

Jason is conducting weekly WINLINK exercises and those involved are exploring 2M Packet communications. Jason encourages all to participate and to join ARES.

## VE Report:

We agreed to hold another VE session whenever any candidates are ready to test and also set a firm date of 8 June 2019 at 1100 local. (of note, Gary still requests Ted's assistance in getting onto the VE website to download new materials).

## Club Repeater:

The club repeater has had some issues which appear to have been resolved, although some outlying stations using the repeater are still scratchy.

If you are using WIRES-X, you may need to update your software.

## Upcoming Contests:

- 22 June is Kids Day
- 7QP QSO party is coming up
- 'WPX' is this weekend (worldwide contest). Friday through Sunday.

## Events:

1. Kennewick Washington, 4 May 2019, Swap Meet, 0900 local at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church.
2. Oregon ARES annual meeting also 4 May 2019.
3. SEAPAC, 31 May - 2 June. Swap meet, vendors, classes, etc. Seaside Oregon.
4. Field Day will be held 22 and 23 June 2019.

## Presentations:

Joel Hinshaw discussed Bob Heil pine board projects ([www.heilsound.com](http://www.heilsound.com)). Many different projects one can build and build upon. He brought up the website and we viewed many of the available projects.

Final Words:

The Spout Springs Repeater Association has challenged us, W7GRA on the upcoming Field Day results. Board Members need to meet in order to discuss Eric Valentine's request for our support of the Explorer Scouts.

The meeting ended at 1944.

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W7GFA sends.

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