



Meeting Minutes for
 April 23, 2019
 Present were

Name	Call Sign	Name	Call Sign
Gary Anger	W7GRA	Tyson Brooks	KI7FXJ
Jason Fouts	W7JSN	Don Magee	KD7CEM
Justin Champion	KF7VML	Graham Hicks	W7PJS
Larry Wilson	W7IXZ	Nancy Wilson	W7IYA
Joel Hinshaw	KD7JG	Mike Orcutt	KF7STP
John Britschgi	W7GQE	Ted Ivester	N7NSL
Joe Nolan	KB7WDJ		

The meeting started at 1803 with round robin introductions.

Gary read the minutes of the 28 March 2019 meeting. Minutes accepted.

Treasury report:

\$2379.59, minus \$200 paid to Gary for club insurance, plus \$40 new dues paid. (\$2219.59 calculated).

Open Business:

Justin Champion, new member, just upgraded to General Class introduced himself and shared his background.

Tyson reported that Ruth Andrews, KG7EAT, lady friend of Marc Shafer (KC7NXX) became a silent key on 4/16/2019. Ruth resided in La Grande, Oregon.

Ted and Tyson met with the My PI Oregon students recently (see minutes from 26 February 2019) and had a great experience. Some of the My PI Oregon students enthusiastically got on the air (Tyson had set up a station at their training event).

Graham gave a huge thank you to Ted and Tyson for taking the time and energy for their participation with the My PI Oregon students.

Tyson asked our thoughts on the Explorer Scout program (see minutes of 26 March 2019). Presently nobody present felt lead to commit the time required to be a full-time leader of the program but we did agree that we would like to support them in their efforts such as helping the Scouts achieve merit badges.

Graham reminded all that Eric Valentine's request was to sponsor an Explorer Scout Ham Radio troupe. Larry moved that we table this for now and Ted seconded it. We will notify the Explorer Scouts of our stance. Many of us responded that we are willing to help on occasion.

New Business:

Sunday night club net: We have been using the La Grande repeater, 146.980. We will move to the 147.260 repeater as it has a bigger footprint and if we experience difficulties, we will QSY to the La Grande Repeater.

Tyson asked ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Services) members if they'd like to establish a Packet net on VHF. He put that thought out there to ponder on and would like feedback.

Justin discussed a new low power device that may be useful for ARES. Low bandwidth digital mode used for sensors. For more information contact Justin. He wants to build an interlink mesh in this area for these devices.

ARES Report:

Winlink exercises every Sunday evening prior to the local net (Winlink starts at approximately 1800 pacific time). These Sunday night nets are using more and more Packet.

ARES SET (Simulated Emergency Training) this weekend, Friday and Saturday, Jason is looking for volunteers. He passed around a schedule and sign-up sheet.

VE Report:

The General Class question pool changes on 1 July 2019. Our next VE Session will be on 8 June 2019, possibly sooner if anybody is ready to test or upgrade prior to 8 June.

Events:

- The 7th Area QSO Party is in two weeks.
- We have no Fox Hunts planned. Is there any interest? Let Tyson or Gary know.
- On April 24th the ARRL will hold a Code Proficiency run on 3590khz at 0400 UTC (2000 Pacific Time).
- On May 4 the Tri-Cities (Washington) swap meet takes place.
- There is an ARES conference on 4 May
- SEAPAC ham fest is from May 31 through June 2, 2019.
- Field Day is June 22 and 23, 2019. We will hold it at Bird Track Springs campground outside of La Grande, Oregon.
- At our next meeting Tyson will bring in the Field Day logging system, and if you want to have your laptop programmed/synchronized bring it to the next monthly meeting.

Presentations:

Joel brought in and discussed his homebrew power supply for a remote VFO.

The meeting adjourned at 1925.

W7GFA sends.

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