



Meeting Minutes for
June 25, 2019
Present were

| Name | Call Sign | Name | Call Sign |
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| Gary Anger | W7GFA | Tyson Brooks | KI7FXJ |
| Joel Hinshaw | KD7JG | Graham Hicks | W4PJS |
| Camber Bybee | KB7RGX | Ted Ivester | N7NSL |
| Jason Fouts | W7JSN | Joe Nolan | KB7WDI |

The meeting opened at 1802

Gary read last month's minutes.

Correction to 28 May 2019 minutes

I failed to include KI7FXJ as being present

Also, the meeting started at 1803 not 1903 as reported. Minutes accepted with above-listed corrections.

Treasury report:

\$2259.59

Old Business:

The La Grande Repeater Wires-X is still experiencing problems which are intermittent but worsening.

New Business:

Graham told us he had a visit from KE7UGG, Jerald Stevenson, who lives in Montana and whose daughter works in La Grande. He will be visiting La Grande again and if he calls out on the repeater please welcome him.

ARES Report:

Jason reported that he was not successful in getting the ARES communications box for Field Day, but the County emergency coordinator did sign off on the intergovernmental agreement to allow us access to the communications box.

Digital mode for ARES, the Sunday exercises are continuing. Mike Abernathy has recommended 144.930 for the digipeater.

VE Report:

We had a VE session scheduled for 8 June but had no examinees.

We need to update our question pool as the General exam changes on 1 July 2019. Tyson, Ted and I will get that taken care of.

We decided to no longer schedule quarterly VE sessions, but we remain flexible and will hold sessions as needed.

Field Day 2019:

Field Day 2019 was a great success. Tyson was quite happy that W7GRA largely outdid the Tri-City Washington and Spout Springs Repeater groups this year.

The club had 742 contacts, accumulated 1188 points (pending further calculations), 172 CW contacts, 294 phone contacts, 274 digital contacts and made contacts in all but 13 of the 83 sections in North America.

The club did learn some lessons about usage of trees and care of property at the Bird Track Springs location.

Tyson solicited input on what went right and what did not go right and needs improvement at Field Day. He offered to bring a wall tent to future Field Days to protect equipment and offer more shelter for operators.

Events:

1. Fox Hunt, July 20, 2019 Check in on the La Grande Repeater at 0900.
2. Meacham Family Fun Day. August 10, 2019 0800 – 1600. Tyson will set up a station there and invites all to come. This is the same day as our regular scheduled club breakfast as well.
3. Annual Club Picnic – Hinshaw QTH, starting at 1300 Sept 2nd, 2019 (Labor Day)

Contests:

Ted stated that he was the Union County Oregon winner of the 7th Area QSO contest.

The meeting adjourned at 1905

W7GFA sends.