



Meeting Minutes for
 October 22, 2019
 Present were

Name	Call Sign	Name	Call Sign
Gary Anger (secretary)	W7GFA	Joel Hinshaw (V.P)	KD7JG
Camber Bybee	KB7RGX	Michael Abernathy	KK7MA
Kandi Abernathy		Ted Ivester	N7NSL
Larry Wilson	W7IXZ	Nancy Wilson	
David Hoeflein	W7EEX	Graham Hicks	W4PJS
		Jason Fouts	W7JSN

Joel opened the meeting at 1801.

Gary Read the Minutes of the 25 September 2019 meeting. Minutes accepted.

Treasury report:

Received e-mail from Mike Orcutt: Treasurer's report as of today is \$2259.59 with no expenses or income since last report.

Old Business:

We agreed to hold our Club Christmas dinner on 7 December 2019 at 1400 local time. Location will be Graham Hicks' residence at 900 Main Street in La Grande, Oregon.

Those attending whose last name starts with

- A-I please bring a salad
- J-R please bring a hot dish i.e. a casserole
- S-Z please bring a dessert.
- Graham will cook a turkey.
- Joel will cook a ham.

The W7GRA Wires-X: server is updated and has been scanned for problems. No Issues found. Waiting for a username and password so we can access the machine at the hospital location.

ARES Report Jason Fouts:

The S.E.T was last week, and he felt everybody did an excellent job, albeit while being shorthanded, which might truly reflect reality should there be an actual emergency. The weekly Sunday exercises continue and operators from outside of Union County have participated.

VE Report:

Gary reported that we proctored an exam last Saturday at which Kevin Harvey upgraded to General. Congratulations Kevin.

Gary went through all of the Club VE records which date to 2009 and purged unneeded paperwork and kept only rosters and forms submitted to ARRL, destroying anything that had any personal information, etc.

Going forward, Tyson will try to get any new candidates to go on to the FCC website and get registered prior to the exam and obtain an FRN which we can use on the candidate forms in lieu of using the candidate's social security number for security reasons.

Gary tallied up the following information.

- First exams given in 2009
- We have given 35 VE sessions and had 87 licenses granted.
- 48 Tech
- 28 General
- 11 Extra
- One candidate succeeded in passing both Tech and General in the same sitting (David Hoeflein).
- 14 VEs proctored a total of 114 times collectively.

The Extra Class question pool is valid through June 2019 after which it will change. Anybody presently wishing to upgrade to Extra may want to test prior to the end of June 2019.

New Business:

N7AU (Bob) and N7HJC (Woody) thanked Tyson via e-mail for adding them to our collective e-mail address. They both enjoy coming to La Grande and participating in Field Day with us.

The Flying J truck stop in La Grande, where we normally hold our Club breakfasts, will be shutting down its restaurant with November 3rd, 2019 being its last day, so we need a new venue. We discussed alternate sites as The Dusty Spur, Denny's, and the Smoke House all in La Grande.

The Dusty Spur seems to be inundated with group breakfasts and parking is an issue.

Candi will talk to the manager at Denny's about availability. Parking is tight there as well.

For now, we will hold our next Club breakfast at The Dusty Spur at 0900 on November 9, 2019 unless we advise otherwise before that date.

Joel discussed Pactor Developer SCS and some issues related to it such as modes, automated stations not controlled by a control station, bandwidth and more. See www.arrl.org for more information.

<http://www.arrl.org/news/pactor-developer-scs-announces-monitoring-software>

Joel talked about a new ARRL bi-monthly magazine "On the Air" starting in January 2020 geared toward new and beginning operators. It will be issued in print and digital form.

There is a new repeater on Steen Mountain at 10,000 feet of elevation. It is up and running but Joel has not been able to hit it from Summerville, Oregon.

Upcoming SKYWARN training: Alan Polan KE4TRR in Pendleton asks if there is any interest in another class, possibly on a Saturday. Search and Rescue members might participate. Let Tyson know if you are interested. Of those present, Mike Abernathy, Jason Fouts, and Gary Anger expressed interest.

Upcoming Contests / Events:

Is there any interest in holding a Swap Meet in La Grande next year? Something to think about.

Presentations:

Joel brought up a YouTube video on wave properties entitled "Similarities of Wave Behavior (Bonus Edition) from 1959 after which discussion ensued and we agreed other such videos would be great training resources for other meetings.

<https://techchannel.att.com/play-video.cfm/2011/3/7/at&t-archives-similarities-of-wave-behavior>