



Meeting Minutes for
 November 26, 2019
 Present were

Name	Call Sign	Name	Call Sign
Tyson Brooks (President)	KI7FXJ		
Gary Anger (Secretary)	W7GFA		
Mike Orcutt (Treasurer)	KF7STP		
Joel Hinshaw (Vice-Pres)	KD7JG		
Gail Hinshaw	K7KKM		
Jason Fouts	W7JSN		
Michael Abernathy	KK7MA		
Kandi Abernathy			

Tyson opened the meeting at 1802.

Gary read the minutes of last month's meeting, correcting the dates of the Exam question pool information to be June 2020 when the pool changes. Erroneously Gary reported the question pool was to change in June 2019.

Treasury report:

Mike Orcutt reported that he just wrote to a check to Joel Hinshaw for \$73.00 to reimburse Joel for his expenses for the Labor Day club picnic. Treasury now has a balance of \$2186.59.

Old Business:

Tyson reported that the W7GRA Wires-X will be back up soon once Tyson gets the password from Jeff Crews.

Our club Christmas dinner will be on 7 December at 1400 at Graham's house (900 Main Street, La Grande, Oregon).

Those attending are requested to bring a dish:

- Last names ending A-I bring a salad
- J-R bring a casserole or hot dish,
- S-Z bring a desert.

We discussed the venue of the Dusty Spur where we held our most recent club breakfast. All agreed that we should check out other venues and agreed to hold the next breakfast at Denny's in La Grande. Mike Orcutt has checked into Denny's and we can use their banquet room at no cost as long as we agree to hold our breakfasts there on a regular basis. Next breakfast will be on 14 December 2019 at 0900 at Denny's in La Grande, on Island Avenue.

SKYWARN update. Tyson says Search and Rescue is still interested in participating. We will coordinate with Alan Poland who will set the next SKYWARN class date.

New Business:

Tyson recommends we all check the expiration dates of our FCC licenses so as not let them lapse.

K7RPT, the .260 machine is still having issues. It is an ARRG repeater.

Tyson will be submitting a request to the La Grande Fire Department asking that we continue to be allowed to meet at the Fire Station for our monthly club meetings.

We discussed the club by-laws, specifically concerning meeting venues and dates. The by-laws posted on the club website may be outdated. Tyson will see if Ted Ivester has the current version of our by-laws.

Field Day 2019 results. Tyson passed around a printout.

There were over 36000 amateurs who participated in 2019, with 3113 entries (individuals, clubs, and organizations).

Over 1.1 million contacts were made.

46% were voice. 42% were CW, and 12% were digital.

This number of contacts about doubled the QSOs from previous years.

Reminder, club officer elections are coming up again in 2020.

ARES Report:

Jason reported great group participation in the Sunday evening exercises. No news to report. The next S.E.T. will probably take place in April 2020.

EC001 course is open to all now and is self-paced. It is a requirement for ARES participation.

VE Report:

Gary discussed the upcoming Eagle Cap Extreme sled-dog race which takes place in January 2020. It is time to sign up to work comms and safety. Race Central will be in Enterprise, not in Joseph this January.

Gary also stated that we have no Exams scheduled for licenses.

Tyson informed us that Kevin Harvey changed his callsign to KD7GKL. That is his old callsign which had expired.

We discussed how to account for free club membership for newly licensed hams but came to no firm agreement. More discussion needed.

Upcoming Contests / Events:

Mike Abernathy talked about upcoming contests, specifically

- the FT Roundup, 7-8 December 2019
- Straight Key weekend
- 160-meter contest from 2200Z 6 December to 1600Z 8 December 2019
- World War II Naval Contest 7-8 December
- See **WA7BNM contest calendar** for more information and details.

Other News

Mike Abernathy and Tyson Brooks went to Spout Springs Repeater site and looked at the antennas. Some of the antennas may not be properly installed. Mike thinks that next spring the site may be accessible and wants to work on the antennas then.

There was a software update to WSJT-X released today, 11/26/2019.

On a non-ham related note, the FCC proposes to allow AM commercial radio to broadcast all-digital signals.

Presentations:

Joel brought in a High Voltage Power Supply and VFO for 80 and 40 Meters primarily, but configurable to other bands.

Tyson brought in a Signal Sampler coupling device, useful in analyzing and checking repeaters outputs.

Other disparate conversation ensued, with the meeting adjourning at 1925 local time.

W7GFA sends.