

LOWER COLUMBIA AMATURE RAIDO ASSOCIATION

Business Meeting Minutes for 16 August 2017

- Call to Order:** 1900 Hours PM
- Pledge of Allegiance:** President Stan – KF7CVR led the Flag Salute
- Visitors:** Brandon Hess – WB1ILS from Caribou Maine, is a friend of Shane- KD7JWC, and Rick – WA7RPM brought Brandon to the meeting.
- Reading of Minutes:** Several club members read the minutes from the July meeting. President Stan – KF7CVR made a motion to have the minutes approved, Randy - NU7D noted one correction. Jeff – KB7PMO and VP Mike – N7DQ seconded the motion, and the motion was carried. President Stan approved the motion with correction.
- Correspondence:** Treasurer JJ W7BO reported receiving the following letters; QSL card, Longview School, Mercer Insurance.
- Officer Reports:** As follows -
- ACS:** Randy – NU7D stated that he will be having a meeting on August 17th with Cowlitz County Emergency Management Services. The meeting is in regard to the Solar Eclipse on August 21st and what impact it will have in the Longview Washington area for traffic on I-5, and possible outages for cell and internet service. Ham operators in local area will be monitoring the radio to assist in any way they can.
- ELT practice will be held on September 16th at 09:00 AM at the club house. Randy may put out an email notice to members.
- United States Coast Guard, an Agreement or Memo of Understanding still needs to be drafted between the USCG and LCARA in regards to the marine antenna/repeater installation at the W7DG club house. It is unclear at this time who will be responsible for the draft, however one or two people will be picked to see that this is resolved.
- Randy – NU7D also stated that an agreement needed to be drafted between ACS and the LCARA, at this time there is no agreement on file. The agreement would be needed in the unlikely event something would happen, however it would protect both agencies. Again this will most likely be drafted at the same time as the USCG agreement.

Officer Reports Continued: ACS: Randy -NU7D

Drone Training, will be brought up at the next ACS meeting on August 23rd. Items opened for discussion are: When is the best time to meet, in the morning, afternoon, or evening. Training, Randy – NU7D would like to see a large table top training exercise conducted. In this way everyone would understand what their roll is, and what the goal would be. Afterward than go out and do the actual exercise, to see what the variables might be.

Drone classes will be held in September in Wahkiakum County, times and dates will be posted. Randy would like to see more people sign up for the classes, and also have future classes and training be done at the club house.

Treasurer: John (JJ) reported the all accounts are current, the club has a bank balance of \$ 3,754.05

Vice President: Mike – N7DQ nothing new to report or add.

President: Stan – KF7CVR nothing new to report or add.

Old Business: President Stan, inquired about an update on Wally – KC7FTS. Lloyd – KI7KMJ stated that Wally was on vacation. Wally and his family were on a road trip across the United States on the Mormon Pioneer Trail. Currently Wally and his family were on the east coast, doing well, and should return home around August 23rd.

President Stan brought up again the agreement between USCG, and the LCARA. As stated in the ACS report an agreement will be drafted.

Question about Day Break Racing was brought up by President Stan, about our decision not to help in the local event at Mount Saint Helens. Randy – NU7D stated that they wanted to know why, so Randy explained to them that it was too short notice. The location of the water stations where Hams would be located was in rugged terrain. There was no emergency planing in regard to evacuation of an injured bicyclist. There were numerous other concerns or issues as well and the club felt in general it was not a good fit for the club.

President Stan, asked for a volunteer to replace Mike – N7DQ for the 2018 field day event. Mike will not be able to help with the event in 2018. In regards to a location, a new location may also be required because of the park now being built in Woodland Washington. If you know of a place up high, away from peoples homes, that we can set up and camp for about three days, please let the club know.

Old Business Continued:

President Stan asked about the lawn mower. Randy – NU7D stated that we have the new blades for the mower, they need to be installed and the old blades sharpened. Randy also brought to the attention of the club members present, that a work party needed to be planned. A date of Saturday, September 9th at the club house was agreed upon. The work party will start at 10:00 AM through 13:00 PM. A pot luck barbecue lunch will also be planned for after the work party.

Steve – K7KO our guest speaker for presentation night was not present at this meeting. It is unclear what Steve has planned for the September presentation night, however what ever Steve presents, will be greatly appreciated.

New Business: Jeff – KB7PMO gave a report about National Night Out, Jeff and Lloyd – KI7KMJ attended the event at 16th Avenue. After the event Jeff encountered a problem with his Communications Van. Aid was given by Stan – KF7CVR and Rick -WA7NWN, who were able to tow the van back to Jeff's house.

Rick – WA7RPM stated a fellow ham, Earl Garber - N3EG wife, Brenda Garber has passed away. A motion from President Stan – KF7CVR was made that a card of condolences be given to Earl on behalf of the club. Jeff – KB7PMO agreed to handle the matter. The motion was seconded by Lloyd – KI7KMJ and agreed by those members present, and the motion was so carried.

Good of the Order: There are five Wednesdays in Aug, a pot luck dinner, barbecue is planned for August 30th 2017, at 6:30 PM. All members and their families are welcomed to attend.

Adjournment: The motion was given by President Stan – KF7CVR and seconded by JJ – W7BO. The motion was granted and we adjourned at 19:40 hours.

Club Drawing: A total of \$32.00 was received, JJ – W7BO was the winner receiving \$16.00.

Attendance: 12 Members

Minutes report was submitted by Acting Secretary:
Lloyd Plourd KI7KMJ