

# Lower Columbia Amateur Radio Association Business Meeting Minutes for November 20<sup>th</sup> 2018

Meeting called to order 1900 hours

Attendance: Members 12 Visitors 3, Mike Avery – KI7MPV Eric Kaurto – KD6ZBZ  
Johnny Kaurto – KJ7AGQ

Pledge of Allegiance lead by President, Mike N7DQ

Minutes Report: President, Mike N7DQ read the minutes report from the October 17<sup>th</sup> 2018 meeting. Some corrections were noted, Ralph N2RJR made a motion to approve the minutes as read and amended, JJ W7BO seconded the motion, all were in favor, the motion was passed.

**Correspondence:** Received regular monthly bill statements, no other correspondence noted.

## **Officer Reports:**

- Treasurer – JJ New accounting software is now being used. This will allow the separation of ACS from the club W7DG, there are now two different accounts. The water bill is at zero, so the repairs made earlier in the year have proven to fix the water usage problem. The electrical bill is still around the same amount. All other accounts are in good standing.
- Trustee – Nothing new to report
- Secretary – Nothing new to report
- ACS – Randy NU7D stated that they are still doing missions for the forest service and that ACS did go to the Hazmat Drill at the Clark County fair grounds, the drill was very useful. Randy stated that he and a few members had attended the Clark County ACS meeting and shared a presentation about what Cowlitz County ACS was all about. Members from the Clark County ACS were interested in joining the Cowlitz county ACS group in their weekly activities such as ELT practice, UAV Drone missions and training. This would also give the Cowlitz County ACS a way to share their knowledge in emergency response, preparedness, and deployment. It would also increase the overall man power when needed for different emergence mission. Randy stated that while he and Carl K7ECW, were up by the Hosted Bridge flying the drone, they found a lost “Platinum Drone” stuck in a tree. After removing the drone from the tree they discovered by the photos and videos on the drone it had been there since June 4<sup>th</sup> 2018. Randy stated that he was unsuccessful at locating the original owner, therefor Randy registered the drone with the FAA to ACS. ACS will now have another drone to use after it is sent in for repairs.

## **Old Business:**

### **New officers nominations and voting.**

Upon discussion it was agreed that the traditional use of a written ballot would not be needed this year to vote the nominations in. Butch made the motion to except the nominations as written, Keith N7DKO seconded all were in favor, the motion passed. Lower Columbia Amateur Radio Association (LCARA) would like to thank the outgoing as well as the incoming officers for their commitment to serving the club. The new officers for LCARA 2019 term are as follows:

- President Ralph - Roggenback N2RJR
- Vice President - Jeff Hillendahl KJ6ETR
- Secretary - Elizabeth Hazlewood KI7RSA
- Treasurer - JJ W7BO
- 3yr Director Slot - Stan Mourning KF7CVR
- Trustee - Kevin Moore KC6FLG (Under the stipulation that Kevin is to obtain an Extra Class License before January 1<sup>st</sup> 2019)

### **501C3 Direction.**

Treasurer JJ W7BO stated that he had been in contact with a CPA to discuss the 501C3 plan. The CPA recommended that JJ consult an attorney to discuss the legal aspect of a 501C3 verses the 501C7 entities. The issues are that the 501C3 and the 501C7 remain two different banking accounts, and ententes. As such the 501C3 may or may not be able to transfer money to the 501C7. JJ would like to know form the attorney just what the 501C3 money, once received can be used for. This is just one of the many issues that will be coming up over the 2019 fiscal year as JJ moves forward on the 501C3 direction. That being said, the 501C3 direction will remain on the business agenda for many months to come.

### **Handicap Signs.**

Keith N7DKO stated that he had purchased, and donated the new sign for the club. Jeff KB7PMO stated that he would install the sign in a few days.

### **Walk-N-Knock Food Drive 2018.**

Connie KB7AYY stated that a few more volunteers (Ham Radio Operators) were needed to cover the drop off locations. The event is secluded for Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 starting at 9:30 AM for roll call.

### **Christmas Potluck Dinner.**

LCARA (Non-Alcoholic) Christmas Dinner Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup> at the RIZAD Complex. Setup will be 6:00PM – 6:30PM. Social gathering from 6:30PM– 7:00PM, dinner will start at 7:00PM. It is recommended that people attending should bring their own cups, plates, silverware, and serving utensils. However paper plates, cups, napkins, and plastic ware will be there if needed. As in past Christmas Dinners there will be the traditional “White Elephant” gift exchanges, as well as a drawing for a grand prize.

**New Business:**

Bob stated that he has a 900 Megahertz Repeater being rebuilt with an amplifier that will be installed into a rack mount. Bob requested that an area be cleared by removing the Drill Press and Grinder to make room for the Repeater rack mount. President Mike N7DQ stated that the area will be cleared by December 15<sup>th</sup> 2018, to make room for the Repeater rack mount.

Keith W7DKQ noticed that one of the Atomic clocks wasn't working at the club house. Upon Investigating he noticed the battery terminals were corroded and the clock needed to be replaced. Keith made a motion to replace the clock at a cost of no more than \$40.00 dollars. Jeff KB7PMO seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion was passed.

Treasurer JJ stated that the LCACR bank account is low on funds to make the necessary bill payments, and to maintain the club. JJ made a motion that \$3,500 dollars be withdrawn from the LCARA investment cash account and transferred into the LCARA bank account. This would allow JJ to pay the bills for most of the 2019 calendar year. This would also give the club time to start bringing in money by fund raisers, or other means. Mike KI7RSB seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion was passed.

Carl K7ECW, stated that he had heard a rumor about the club dues being \$35.00 dollars and wanted clarification on the issue. Upon discussion it was determined that the club dues have always been \$30.00 dollars per member, or \$45.00 dollars per family, and \$10.00 dollars for associates. These amounts are now so noted, and further information can be found in the LCARA club bylaws.

**Good of the Order**, Nothing stated.

**Adjournment**, Connie KB7AYY made a motion to adjourn, Jeff KM7PMO seconded the motion, all were in favor. The motion was passed and we adjourned at 19:57 hours.

**Drawing**, a total of \$41.00 dollars was received, the winner Elizabeth (Liz) Hazlewood KI7RSA received \$20.00 dollars.

Minutes report submitted by Secertary  
Lloyd Plourd W7KDG