

JUNEAU AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

7/11/18

The July 11, 2018 regular meeting of the Juneau Amateur Radio Club was called to order by President Destiny Sargeant, KL4D at 7:04 P.M.

Attendance: Destiny Sargeant, KL4D; David Bruce, WL7BKA; Scott Novak, KL3JM; Glenn Sicks, KLØQZ; Russell Strandtmann, KL7HAO; William Andre, NL3A; James Zuelow, KLZZ; Martha Palicka, KL4FS; Rob Breffielh, AL5G; Ivan Hazelton, NL5I; Howard Shepherd, AL7I; Larry Walter, KL7IWC; Pat Moore, AL7L; Dan Palicka, KL4FR, Dick Farnell, KL4HO; Nicole Ferrin, KL3PI; Jerry Prindle, KL7HFI.

Membership report: Membership Chair David Bruce reported that there are 58 members paid for 2018.

Treasurers report: Treasurer Scott Novak reported that the balance in the General Account is \$8,981.51 and the gaming account is \$79.56

VHF report: Everything that was working last meeting is still working.

VE report: There was no activity in June.

Education report: Pat Moore mentioned that the Anchorage Club is holding a three day Technician license class; he is watching this closely and hopes to conduct one this fall

Special activities report: Dan Palicka won the Field Day prize for the most contacts made by a Technician.

ARES: Martha Palicka reported that there will be an exercise August 18 on 40 meters. Its goal will be to contact other communities under simulated emergency conditions.

OLD BUSINESS

Member Dr. Rob Breffielh is retiring at the end of July and he invited all Club members to a BBQ at 9324 View Drive at 2:00 P.M. Saturday, July 28. He also asked for help installing his new antenna and tower.

James Zuelow reported that the Fourth of July Committee thanked the Club for its help with the parade this year. He also reported that most of the Committee will be retiring this year and he is not sure what will transpire in the future.

There was discussion about the annual National Weather Service appreciation picnic. Nicole Ferrin was asked to look into possible dates and how the event could be changed so that more NWS personnel might be able to attend.

The problem of the feed line for the Club station was brought up. It appears that the coaxial cable should be replaced. As the antenna and tower belong to the Weather Service, it should be contacted. (Since the meeting a Weather Service technician climbed the tower and determined that the center conductor was broken at the antenna connection and made repairs)

Several issues with the tower trailer were brought up. The new fan belt for the generator broke shortly after it was installed for Field Day. This led to the suggestion that, as the generator has a capacity that exceeds the potential demand, the generator might be sold and a smaller one could replace it. Scott Novak offered to look into potential buyers. Dan Palicka will look into a replacement unit. Larry Walter indicated that the tower trailer was currently at his home and he will be pressure washing it and disposing of any trash.

The disposition of the old antenna was also discussed. At this item be advertised for sale as where is. The functional status of the antenna itself is not known, although the balun must be replaced. Hy-Gain does not typically sell the antenna with a balun, but does sell several types for this antenna.

Pat Moore mentioned that there are problems with the rotator controller for the tower trailer and he volunteered to work on it. Dan Palicka offered to modify the rotator itself to make it easier to install. A motion was made and passed for him to proceed with the modifications.

Nicole Ferrin mentioned that Jeremy Hustman had contacted her about him talking over the JARC web site. It was suggested that he should develop a proposal for the Club to consider as he has a business hosting web sites.

NEW BUSINESS:

Martha Palicka stated that the State Museum had contacted her about the planned exhibit of the sinking of the Princess Sophia. The Museum staff would like to have an exhibit of the type of Morse code equipment that was in use at that time. It was noted that equipment of that vintage was likely not in Juneau. There was interest in participating, but no definite plan. She will get back to the people who contacted her.

President Sargeant thanked all those Club members who helped pack up Rick Pearson's possessions and for making donations to help him recover from his recent illness. It was emphasized that without President Sargeant's leadership this would not have happened.

There being no further business to be brought the Club the meeting adjourned at 8:42 P.M.

The formal meeting was followed by a report by Glenn Sicks of the recent Field Day activities

Respectfully Submitted

Ernie Mueller, KL2UH
Secretary, JARC

Thanks to David Bruce for aptly preparing the minutes for this meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Juneau Amateur Radio Club will be Wednesday August 1, 2018, 7:00 P.M. at the National Weather Service Forecast Office, 8500 Mendenhall Loop Road, Juneau.