

**April 2017**

**Palouse Hills ARC Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Minutes for 04/26/2017

The Palouse Hills Amateur Radio Club monthly meeting was Called to Order by President Roger Daisley (W7ALA) on April 26, 2017, at 1904 hours, at the American Legion Cabin in Moscow.

Officiating the meeting were Roger Daisley (W7ALA), President; Elizabeth Simon (KK7VO) Vice President; Eric Bechtel (AE7UF), Treasurer; and Randall Ramsey (KI7BSW), Secretary.

General membership attending:

Geoff Billin (KC7QCS)

Cliff Clark (AG7GC)

Austin Cole (KF7SIW)

Heather Cole (KG7BUB)

John Hayden (KF7VPT)

Bill Herrmann (KD7MJC)

Carol Herrmann (KD7WAC)

Nick Hewes (AE7UR)

James Kusznr (K7LL)

Willy Marshall (AC7DO)

Mark Monson (AF7LZ)

Tom Storer (KI6DER)

Bill Ward (K9GRZ)

Two visitors were identified amongst the crowd of general membership.

**Club Business:**

The new club balance is \$3648.49 after dues collected last month were added.

The meeting minutes for March 2017 general club meeting were approved.

**Old Business:**

Field Day 2017 Planning:

Planning for Field Day 2017 commenced with the call for volunteers. Other topic items: food, BBQ grill, radio gear, antenna placement, reservation of the Latah Aux Comm trailer.

Contacts to get local area officials—Sheriff, Emergency Managers, News Outlets—were sent by Eric (AE7UF). Other publicity avenues to be determined, as well as, use of sandwich boards for advertising. The South Field will be reserved for our Field Day pleasure.

Bill (K9GRZ) reported on the events mentioned at the previous PHARC meeting. The jet boat race was with 8 boats attending. An eventful situation took place with no injuries sustained. This was the Aux Comm trailer's debut with 20+ hams operating. Six to eight hams were local, including his daughter who was the network operator.

**New Business:**

Mini Field Day hosted by DSARC will occur during the May 6-7 weekend. There will be a fox hunt. The Aux Comm trailer will be there, too.

Bill (K9GRZ) reported an upcoming event to take place at the EOC in Nez Perce County. This will not be officially advertised because he is trying to get hams from Lewiston to step up to bat.

Bill (K9GRZ) also mentioned receiving a grant from Latah County Emergency Managers to upgrade the Aux Comm Trailer. The grant is not to be used for comfort items. After further explanation about the need for comfort items. Prompted by visual cues, Bill (K9GRZ) made the motion for a \$100.00 donation to be made by PHARC for the comfort items. The motion was seconded and passed.

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Ramsey (KI7BSW) asked about the application process for Aux Comm. The applications are not available, yet, but the applicant will have to submit evidence of having completed ICS 100, 200 & 700 course work. The applicant will undergo a background check provided by Latah Emergency Management/Sheriff's Department.

Per usual, Ramsey (KI7BSW) forgot the raffle tickets for the Spokane Ham Fest. Sorry! Ramsey (KI7BSW) mentioned that help at the Ham Fest will be appreciated. And that club membership database will be updated if his work schedule allows.

**Featured Presentation:**

Eric (AE7UF) gave a presentation on ham radio and people with disabilities called "Help for Challenged Hams." During the presentation, he introduced his hearing-ear dog and gave a demonstration how his service animal aids with communication shortfalls. Dog's name is withheld for control purposes.

Meeting adjourned at 2017 hours.

73,

Ramsey (KI7BSW)