

April 2018 -- Palouse Hills ARC Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes for 04/25/2018

The Palouse Hills Amateur Radio Club monthly meeting was Called to Order by President Elizabeth Simon (KK7VO) on April 25, 2018, at 1903 hours, at the American Legion Cabin in Moscow.

Officiating the meeting:

Elizabeth Simon (KK7VO) President
Eric Bechtel (AE7UF), Treasurer

Cliff Clark (AG7CC) Vice President
Randall Ramsey (KI7BSW), Secretary

General membership attending:

Geoff Billin (KC7QCS)
Austin Cole (KF7SIW)
Heather Cole (KG7BUB)
Bob Dillon (KI7WAQ)
Ken Gordon (W7EKB)

Evan Hart (KG7WPM)
Bill Herrmann (KD7MJC)
Carol Herrmann (KD7WAC)
Richard Huggins (KD7VRL)
Joe Overstreet (W1YV)

Dave Schumacher (KF7CSV)
Tom Storer (KI6DER)
Bill Ward (K9GRZ)

Club Business:

Account balance is \$4441.75

Meeting minutes for past 2 months were approved and passed as posted.

Old Business:

Projector screen was purchased by Elizabeth (KK7VO) per motion to be presentation ready. Happily, she had been reimbursed. The screen was used for this month's presentation.

Motion to provide \$500.00 seed money for Spokane Ham Fest Planning Committee was passed at last meeting and were delivered to the SHFPC President, Dave Carlton.

New Business:

PHARC and American Legion Cabin management have come to an agreement over use of its facilities without remuneration. The agreement calls for the Post to assemble a radio room for use by both agencies. The document, which will be attached to the minutes for the general membership to view, discloses the terms and conditions for both agencies. During the discussion, motion brought forth to give the officiating body the authority to act on the behalf of the general membership over the agreement was presented by Bill (K9GRZ). The motion was seconded and passed.

Motion to reimburse Ramsey (KI7BSW), for 1 computer bag and 4 notebook sleeves, he had preemptively purchased for the protection and storage of the 4 PHARC Acer AspireOne Laptops and

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accessories was passed. The bag cost was \$47.99, and the 4 sleeves at \$6.88 each were \$27.52, for a grand total of \$75.51. The motion passed was for the the dollar amount of \$75.00.

Spokane Ham Fest Planning Committee (SHFPC): (Sept 29, 2018)

At the last meeting, the location had been finalized with University High School administration to hold the Ham Fest at their location. The Commercial tables cost increased to \$15 & physically increased to 8' tables. The vendor tables will be different from the swap tables, also. In a new twist, the raffle prizes have changed. Instead of a transceiver, the committee voted for gift cards (1 \$450 gift card from HRO, and 2 \$350 gift cards from Dx Engineering). Of course the smaller raffle items will remain the same as last year with a Raspberry Pi's and a couple of HT radios.

Field Day 2018: (Jun 23-24)

An alternate location for this year's Field Day has not been found, yet. Still, the South Lawn of the Latah County Fair Grounds has been reserved as the back-up site, if an alternate has not yet been found. Also, there are attempts to have joint Field Day with other ARCs. If anyone knows another ARC that is willing, please let us know. During the meeting, Bill (K9GRZ) made it known that the trailer needs to be towed by an approved member of the Latah Auxillary Communications Group. The trailer requires towing by a ¾ ton truck with trailer brakes (at minimum). Currently, Bill is the only person authorized to move the trailer. Options are in the making for a speedy resolution. The Field Day Committee is meet prior to the next monthly meeting.

Future Community Service & Training Opportunities:

Apr 27-29 – ACES Training (Firehouse Clarkston). Sign up at <https://dsarc.us/>

May 19-20 – AuxComm Training (Moscow) [Idahoprepares.com:
https://www.idahoprepares.com/preceptorStudent/iltClass_info.k2?iltClassID=6527&backWhere=calendar%2Ek2%3FMonthChange%3DForward%26LastDate%3D04%2F27%2F2018%26courseID%3D0]

May 20 – Palouse Hills ½ Marathon [Unable to get more information on this event.]

Recent Community Service & Training Opportunities:

Mar 31 – ARES Exercise. Bill (K9GRZ) stated the HF spectrum was dead and unable to send digital packet radio to Spokane group. Were able to contact Whitman County via repeater. Propagation was focused on 40m and 80m. Use of NVIS, vertical and G5RV antennas did not achieve the objective. Rich (KD7VRL) mentioned the ham radios at Pullman Regional and Colfax hospitals were in need of updating.

Apr 20-22 – Riggins Jet Boat Race. Bill (K9GRZ) mentioned the group that went had good weather and good communications, overall. There was more about the boat race itself, but the important lesson here is that there are events that can use ham radio operators.

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Presentation:

Presentation by DSARC member Evan (KG7WPM) on Reverse Engineering his Kenwood Transceiver. Thank you, Evan, it was a great presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 1935 hours to give Evan (KG7WPM) ample time to give his presentation. The Next Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 23, 2018. At that meeting, no Presentation is scheduled because of a preplanned antenna build activity. The PHARC club members will be engaging in building an End-fed antenna. The antenna will then be used during Field Day 2018.

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Ramsey (KI7BSW)