

## April 27, 2016 PHARC Minutes

The regular business meeting on April 27, 2016 at the American Legion hall was called to order by President Roger, W7ALA, at 7:05 p.m. It was preceded by a time for general visiting that started about 6:30.

The minutes of the March 2016 meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer Jim, K7LL reported no financial changes so the account balance remains at \$3307.28. There will be a claim for \$14 for refreshments for tonight's meeting.

### ARES EXERCISE

The Latah County digital exercise went well with digital traffic passed from several locations. We discovered a bottleneck when multiple stations tried to reach the central station at the same time. Some members were unable to get digital to work. More development will be taking place.

### CASCADIA RISING

K9GRZ reported on plans. The local exercise on the morning of June 9 will concentrate on deploying operators to locations (e.g. the Emergency Operations Center), obtaining information, and transmitting it digitally on 2 meters to the central station which will send messages via HF to the state EOC in Boise. For more information send email to K9GRZ@ARRL.NET.

### LATAH COUNTY ARES TRANSCEIVER

K9GRZ reported that Latah County Disaster Services purchased a Kenwood TM-D710G dual-band transceiver with built-in TNC for ARES use. The device should be able to do voice and digital modes in support of Disaster Services.

### JET BOAT RACES

Several local hams worked at the jet boat races near Riggins on April 22-24. They had a lot of fun.

### FIELD DAY:

The Executive Committee discussed plans at the last meeting. At this point a Public Information Officer is still needed, and time is of the essence to recruit one since some tasks require some lead time. Interested people can contact either Tom: KI6DER or KG7LDU.

A safety officer position needs to be filled. This person's assignment is to discover and report threats during operation. More than one person is required.

### DIGITAL TRAINING

The group working on packet digital radio meets at 1900 hours on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the UI ham shack at the steam plant. All are welcome to come and work on equipment and operation.

### Northwest Tri-State ARO

The group held its annual meeting on April 24. Finances are tight: dues are down and there is a need for at least two expensive antennas. You can contact KC7QCS@ARRL.NET to find out how to support the organization.

### ADJOURNMENT

The business meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m. It was followed by a presentation on alternate power by W7ALA.

KC7QCS, Secretary