



March 2013 Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:05PM.

Meeting attendees:

Tom Storer - President: KI6DER

Elizabeth Simon - Vice President: KK7VO

Glen Matteson - Treasurer: KD7JBX

Jim Smallwood - Secretary: N7RCS

Chris Bailey: KF7HXJ

Barney Waldrop: W7IHN

Rich Huggins: KD7VRL

Ken Johnson: W7NGI

Steven Blanchard: KD7KKC

Bill Herrmann: KD7MJC

Austin Cole: KF7SIW

February minutes were approved.

Rich -KD7VRL - announced the Whitman County Emergency Coordinator is stepping down. Jim Kuznir has been serving in the role and feels good about his technical strengths but needs help on other aspects. Rich can help with training & exercises but is looking for organizing & leadership assistance. There are weekly and monthly commitments. There was discussion about qualifications and the need for networking with local agencies and organizations. This is a leadership / facilitator position that offers the opportunity to shape the future of the Whitman County EC.

Tom - KI6DER - volunteered to take this on through September. There was discussion about mentoring someone for this position. It would be advantageous for this person to be from Washington State (Whitman County). The SEL club was mentioned as a possible source of

candidates for this position. Tom will attend the next SEL radio club meeting on April 4th to talk about having an antenna building exercise.

Glen - KD7JBX- gave the Treasurers report: no activity and a current balance of \$2890.78.

Ken - W7NGI - & Elizabeth - KK7VO - gave a 2282 repeater meeting report. Elizabeth announced that she is a new director. Finances for 2013 are sound. The repeater is working well. Ken noted that an alternate sites on the mountain is being considered. Current charges are \$100/month.

Tom - KI6DER - & Geoff - KC7QCS - were at the LDS Preparedness Fair. Lots of interest in getting licensed. They collected over 50 names of those interested in a future ham training class.

Tom - KI6DER - gave a web site update. The new site should be up by the first week of April 2013. You may need to empty your browser cache so the site will come up. The URL is the same as the current site.

Bill - KD7MJC - noted that the 2013 Ride Idaho bicycle ride may need support from hams this year. The event is August 4-10. Watch the PHARC web site for more information. Web site for Ride Idaho is rideidaho.org.

Stephen -KD7KKC- : Gave a brief update on the 2013 Jet Boat Races. Riggins is April 18-20. May races are in St Marie's and St Joe. After that is Thunder on the Snake in August.

2013 Field Day: EOC center in Moscow is not an option for us to use. No decision yet on whether the club will operate 2A or 3A. Discussion about operating on 160m. Not sure yet about WSU participation, Tom - KI6DER - will contact them. Stay tuned for further announcements. Field Day is June 22 & 23.

Rich Huggins - KD7VRL - Noted there will be Moscow Fire Department April 26-27 exercise: flying saucer crash and zombie attack. This could be an opportunity for area hams to become involved and known locally.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.