

March 23, 2016 PHARC Minutes

The regular business meeting on March 23, 2016 at the American Legion hall was called to order by President Roger, W7ALA, at 7:02 p.m. It was preceded by a time for general visiting that started about 6:30.

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

Treasurer Jim, K7LL could not be present, but sent this report:

\$3372.20	Balance on 2/1/2016
.07	Interest earned
(84.99)	Reimbursement to KI6DER for PowerPole connectors
20.00	Received dues
3307.28	Balance on 2/25/2016

The report was accepted.

FIELD DAY:

The committee (KI6DER and KG7LDU) reported that sandwich board material would cost about \$50.00, and approval to spend this much was given. After some discussion about the decoration and preparation of the board surfaces, the issue was passed to the Executive Committee.

The location is yet to be determined. The Latah County Fairgrounds is one possibility; another is property across from the Palouse Mall [probably Guy Wicks Field]. The committee was asked to reserve the Fairgrounds for June 24-26. K9GRZ plans to talk to the Latah County Emergency Services Manager with regard to the use of the property across from the mall.

BUILD PARTY

Reminder: instructions for some projects can be found on the PHARC web site.

At this time, no one is ready to take on the tasks related to management of the project (scheduling, picking project, communicating). Further action is deferred.

WASHINGTON SET

About ten hams participated in the local activities held in Pullman on March 12. They set up equipment at the Pioneer Center and communicated on HF with the Washington State EOC. Some hams roved around Pullman gathering simulated status information and communicated it to the Pioneer Center via VHF voice and packet. Pullman Fire Chief Mike Heston and Whitman County Emergency Manager Bill Tensfield visited and commented positively on the operation.

CASCADIA RISIMG EXERCISE

K9GRZ reported that the exercise will be held on June 7-10 in the Pacific Northwest. The premise is that a 9+ magnitude earthquake in the Cascadia Subduction Zone will bring over five minutes of shaking and attendant damage and injuries. Idaho is one tank of gasoline away from the affected areas, and the Idaho part of the exercise is based upon handling the influx of refugees.

More information about the exercise can be found at http://www.oregonaresraces.org/?page_id=559

The local event will be held on June 9. A local power outage will lead to the Latah County Emergency Manager activating an Amateur Radio Communication Team (ARCT) and directing the team to an as yet undetermined location where they will provide communications to the Idaho State EOC and the Latah County EOC.

Other events include Fairchild Air Force Base setting up to handle medical evacuations and reuniting families. There will be a commercial airplane crash in Lewiston. And there will be many activities on the west side of Washington and Oregon.

K9GRZ will be attending a planning meeting on March 24 in Lewiston. While there, he plans to meet with emergency managers from the five counties in Idaho District 2 plus a Nez Perce tribe official to talk about issuing identification cards that would allow approved operators to gain access to facilities in the district. There is also a desire for those managers to be able to call out ARCT's for communication support in situations like the fires last summer.

To prepare, K9GRZ has scheduled a training event on Saturday April 23 with people in the field communicating with a base station, similar to the March 12 exercise in Pullman. And if more training is seen as desirable, another event will be held in May.

N1BAG noted that a group of hams have been meeting Tuesday evenings at the UI ham shack to learn how to use VHF packet. All are welcome. No meeting is planned for March 29, but there should be a meeting on April 5.

JET BOAT RACES

Hams are again invited to help with communications at the jet boat races held near Riggins from April 15-17. For more information contact K9GRZ@arrl.net.

OTHER ITEMS

K9GRZ reported that he checked in from his home to the non-ham Idaho State Emergency Net on March 16 using Latah County's Micom equipment. The equipment had not been used because its use at the Courthouse interfered with other Public Service radio equipment there.

W7ALA asked for a list of equipment that would comprise a Go Kit for VHF packet. KC7QCS will post a list.

ARES facilities exist at Pullman Memorial Hospital, Pullman Police Department, the Pioneer Center, and the hospital at Colfax. Desired additions include the Pullman High School, Pullman Middle School, and the Pullman Airport (thanks to KG7LDU).

The Whitman County Emergency Manager requested a list of equipment that could be used in the Colfax Administration Building or the Fairgrounds. A list is being provided.

No food was present at the pre-meeting. The Executive Committee will take action on this.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:36. It was followed by a presentation on repeaters by KI6DER.

Geoff Billin, Secretary

In attendance: K7AKD, N1BAG, KN7C, KC7QCS, KD7VRL, KG7JGX, AF7LZ, KK7VO, K9GRZ, W7IHN, W7ALA, KG7LDU, KC7HFN, KI6SKL, KI7SBV, KG7SAL, AF7GC, KI6DER, David Wade.