

The regular Palouse Hills Amateur Radio Club meeting was called to order by President Roger (W7ALA) at 7:00 p.m. on **January 27, 2016.**

There were no corrections to the November 2015 regular meeting minutes, so they were declared approved.

Treasurer Jim (K7LL) reported an account balance of \$2,960.07 with some cash from dues on hand.

Bill (K9GRZ) reported on ARES activities. The PARET (Palouse Amateur Radio Emergency Training) group dropped monthly meetings. The group of Bill, Bob (KL2JY), Hal (KC7STU) and Jon (AF7GC) met and are now guiding the group. Their plan is to conduct quarterly exercises with training prior to the exercises if deemed needed. A digital exercise is planned for spring. June 6-9 will be an opportunity to participate in the Cascadia Rising exercise. And a mobilization exercise is planned for summer, probably on a Saturday. There may also be a visit to the Moscow Mountain repeater site (though not the repeater).

Other business was deferred so the the evening program could commence. Mike Heston, Pullman Fire Chief, presented information about his activities as part of an ICS team during last summer's fires. He talked about how amateur radio operators could be a resource for an event, mentioning the discussion of a resource called ARCT: Amateur Radio Communications Team. The presentation was well received and generated several questions as well as the stated desire to organize and help.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25
Geoff (KC7QCS), Secretary

More information on ARCT:

[ARCT report](#)

QST December 2003 article (page 68): ICS and Amateur Radio Communication Teams

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