

Palouse Hills Amateur Radio Club Meeting 5/28/2014

Meeting called to order at 7:06PM.

New people in meeting, round of introductions.

Please wait one or two seconds after keying your mike until you start talking, so we can hear you.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes, seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's report. Beginning balance of \$3423.95, check cleared for \$200.00, final balance of \$3223.95.

Old business:

Chris: hat pins for legion, \$5 each, see Chris after meeting if you would like to buy one.

Meeting about lentil festival?

New:

Ken: 2282 as of Saturday morning will need to have a PL tone, 127.3. Please program your radios, otherwise you will not be able to get into the repeater. Please donate money to the repeater, as the rent is \$1000, and if the money is not raised, they may have to pull the repeater.

Field day!:

Elizabeth: It is about one month before Field Day, we will not be able to get the Latah County Trailer, but we can get the Whitman County trailer, however it is very heavy, and we need a 3/4 ton truck or better, with a 2 5/16 ball. The Whitman county trailer has a lot of amenities, it is more stable than Latah County's trailer. (Chris) The trailer is nice to have in case of weather. Bill has a heavy duty enough truck, as does Jay, and so do a few others in the club. The trailer does have electric brakes. Can someone take on the job to make sure we can find someone to tow it? Daiquiri volunteers, contact her if you know someone that can tow it. Elizabeth is in charge of all paperwork for field day, with Jim helping. Backup plan for bad weather; Doug has said that he can bring his easy up shelter and a table, and Tom has a tent that holds 7 people. If we do not get the trailer by the 25th, the Wednesday before field day, then the backup plan goes into effect. Elizabeth: Please bring extra shelters. Power; WSU is volunteering the use of the 1KW fuel cell, everything is tested and tuned up, Jim K. will be bringing that over on field day, and they will have a carload of operators as well. The WSU club will also provide a 48 to 12. Please bring extra batteries, everything needs to be power poled. We do need a tank of hydrogen, which are \$35. Motion to spend money on hydrogen tank, seconded, all in favor. Someone from the club can go to the norco supply, Daiquiri will go to pick it up. The trailer does have solar power, but not enough to power anything by itself. The trailer comes with an 8KW generator, the county just requests that we run it completely dry, and let it cool off. Steve Blanchard also has backup power. Radios; WSU is providing an IC7000 and a Kenwood TS2000, and a digital interface, possibly a Kenwood TS480. Tom will bring coax.

Antennas; all three radios that WSU may be bringing have internal antenna tuners. They can bring an off center fed dipole, 80, 40, 17, 12, and another antenna. WSU has a HF Triplexer that they are bringing. PHARC has a G5RV antenna that we can use. Tom has an S9 antenna that he can bring. We can rent a portable antenna tower at \$50/day, Jim K. can call and make sure it is available. Motion to approve \$150 for renting the antenna tower, manlift. Seconded and approved. Elizabeth has a laptop that she loaded n1mm on, Ken has a laptop that we can use as well. GOTA has to be done on paper. Tom has a router that we can use. Everything that should get there Friday, so we can set it all up. We will coordinate around when the trailer is supposed to arrive. There is an instructional video on how to use n1mm software for field day, please review before field day. Elizabeth may bring a 'cheat sheet' for using it. Ground rod; Tom will bring a grounding rod, or we have a member that donates one.

Plan on meeting at the fairgrounds at 7PM on Wednesday before the field day to plan the rest of field day.

Tables and chairs, trailer comes with tables and chairs, Tom will bring his table and chairs, and Doug can bring a folding table, Elizabeth will bring her folding tables, but does not have a lot of chairs. If everyone can bring their own folding chairs if you have one, there should be enough. Chris is taking care of PR. We would like to have an information table, minimum requirements are: Sign in sheet, fliers, banner. Jim K. will do a session for fuel cell. If we can have a GOTA coach, they have to be there the whole time. Tom has logs that we can use for the GOTA station. Jim K. can bring his satellite antenna; he will make an attempt to make that work. There will be two volunteers at the fairgrounds on Friday night to make sure it is safe. Should we do 2A or 3A? We have to decide by when we go on the air on field day. Plan for 3A, but we can change that until we go on the air. If we go 3A, then we can probably do a separate CW station. CW operators will bring their own keys, most rigs will have 1/8 inch jack, 7000 is ¼. What about NTS? We can get extra points for receiving NTS, and for sending it. Ken will do that. Tom will bring ARRL message pads. Daquarri will bring her sandwich board to put up by the road to promote field day. Food; Daquarri and Sandy will take care of food, Rod will bring BBQ grill, and Tom will bring plates etcetera. We will meet on Thursday the 19th, at 7:30 on 146.820 to discuss last minute details.

Any other new business?

Bring dues on next meeting.

ARES: Meeting third TUESDAY of every month. Any questions to Bill and Hal.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26PM.