



MINUTES OF MEETING: MAY 12, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 12:20 by Hoop, K9QJS at Cascade Lake, Moran State Park, Orcas Island.

Hoop began by thanking Wayne and Clark for bringing firewood.

Introductions: Attendees introduced themselves and stated where their home is.

ATTENDEES:

Ed KD7TUN	Clark K7LRK	Jaimie N6JCP	Dan N6AU
Peter K2SPR	Mary Johnson	Basil N7NIX	Hoop K9QJS
Carol N7LHY	Wayne WA6MPG	Larry VE6VQ	Poke KI7NEX
Peter WA7FUS	Scott W7SLM	Janet Gadallah	John KC7WJJ
Hoop K9QJS	Rosie Miller	Mary Ann Slarbaugh	Bryan K7UDR

MINUTES:

The minutes of the April meeting were approved as posted on the web site.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

In absence of Dani, Bryan reported that the treasury balance is over \$6000 and we currently have 67 members.

Announcements and upcoming events:

- Hoop said that Mike, N7TLL, who has been caretaker of the club owned Kenwood TS 840 HF transceiver wants us to find a new home for this radio. It was suggested that Poke, KI7NEX, our newest member and now holder of a general class license be loaned this radio and a club owned power supply.
- Hoop received email from the organizers of the San Juan Marathon requesting support for their June 17 and 18 event. Bryan volunteered along with others. They will again use APRS messaging.

Field Day:

As discussed at last month's meeting, SJCARS participation in Field Day this year will be on each of the 3 major SJ islands.

Basil spoke for the Lopez Islanders saying that their theme this year will be "public outreach" . They are going to set two booths in their Farmer's Market. One of them will include some CW and the other will be a station which which they hope to make at least contact, possibly prescheduled digital, with another SJ station.

On Orcas Island VE6VQ will host a Field Day operation for WETNET and all other Orcas Island hams. Operations will be on HF and possibly VHF/UHF with digital modes.

Ed and Hoop will host a low key operation with radios and bag lunches at the Cattle Point Interpretive Center. All are welcome to join them.

Bryan and his family of hams will set up his KX3 and a random wire antenna and tuner in Lynden on Saturday the 24th and at Cape Disappointment on Sunday the 25th where they will be to celebrate Dani's birthday. Bryan described his random length antenna created from a 100 foot roll of copper weld wire cut into 2 pieces, 83 feet for the radiator and 17 feet for the counterpoise.

Questions were asked about including dates and various participation levels. ARRL sponsored Field Day is always scheduled for the last full weekend of June each year.

Stories from Your Shack:

- Wayne celebrated decreased noise level on low frequency radios bands during the recent scheduled OPALCO outage.
 - Ed reported on assisting Bob Brunkow in locating the source of some RF/electrical noise on his boat.
 - John, KC7WJJ, reported that he is preparing to depart on his cross country bicycle trip. The adventure that he is participating in is documented and updated on the web site: <https://www.crazyguyonabike.com/>
- John also intends to attempt to check in with us via Echolink with the app on his cell phone in order to let us know of his progress along the way.

SJCARS 2017 Events Calendar

- SJI Marathon, Sunday June 18th 2017
- ARRL Field Day – June 24
- Island Rec 8.8K Loop Fun run, Saturday, Aug 19th, 2017
- International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend Sunday, Aug 20th, at Lime Kiln State Park Coordinating Ed KD7TUN <http://illw.net/>
- Lopez Picnic, Friday, September 8, 2017 – Date of this event may depend upon date of APRS Summer Gathering in Northbend. Updates will follow. Basil and fellow “Lopezians” will choose the date and will coordinate the event.
- Salmon Run – Washington State QSO Party – September 16-17
- VE Session -October 28, SJI Library: Dave K9MRQ
- ARRL TAPR Digital Communications Conference: September 15-17 in St Louis
- SJI Safety Fare at Mullis (staff EOC from 10 am to 2 pm), Saturday, October 14th
- Christmas Party on Friday, Dec 8th, 2017, at Mullis Fire. Coordinating TBD

Our brief meeting was adjourned at 12:45 followed by continued socializing, eating, and enjoying Moran State Park and Cascade Lake. Thanks to Peter (K2SPR) and Jim (K2SON) for supplying the grill, Bryan for cooking for us, and to all who brought food and beverages for sharing.

Next meeting: Friday June 9 at Mullis Fire Station.

Respectfully submitted by: Peter Dahl, Recording Secretary (additions, corrections or comments to Peter Dahl WA7FUS@arrl.net)

**The next club meeting
will be held at 11:30 Friday June 9, 2017
at Mullis Fire Station in Friday Harbor**