



**MINUTES OF MEETING: AUGUST 14, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 11:40 by K9QJS at Mulis Fire Station

**Introductions:** Attendees introduced themselves stated their home QTH. Today we had 6 members of the Anacortes Amateur Radio Club as visitors.

**ATTENDEES:**

Ed KD7TUN	Dan N6AU	Basil N7NIX	Monte N7TAU
Hoop K9QJS	Scott W7SLM	Rob ZL2US	Ruth KI7OCR
Kenny KU7M	Clark K7LRK	Jim ACSV	Peter AF5TR
Peter WA7FUS	Wayne WA6MPG	Ruth KI7OCR	Corky AF4PM
Mike N7TLL	Steve N4RVE	Dave K9MRQ	Budd WB7FHC
Gayland KG7GCF	Stu W7UW	Peter K2SPR	Dani KE7TLE
Bob AD6K	Martha N7ZCZ	Poke KI7NEX	Laura Jo KF7KNA
Bill KF7KND	Craig AE7NA	Nora KI7OCU	Jim KE7GAB
Leslie KI7PJT	Brendan Cowan	Fred KF7UXP	

**MINUTES:**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Dani reported that our treasury balance is \$5500. Expenses since last meeting include \$70 for a router for the DSTAR repeater, \$60 for our Odlin Park reservation and \$51 for Lopez Island FD expenses.

**New Business:**

- Hoop reported that the 20 year old Kenwood D700 which has been used as a packet digipeater on the ISS has failed and will need to be replaced before that service can be restored. He suggested that the club make a donation to the **capital**

equipment campaign for the satellite organization. Kenny made a motion which was seconded and approved that the club donate \$200. Hoop took the action item to request that Dani send a check to ARISS.

- Hoop reported that the club had received a request from communications support group for the MS 150 Deception Pass Classic bicycle event asking if they could use our Cady Mtn 146.70 repeater as part of their support network on September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. To facilitate discussion of the request Hoop had arranged to have their communications director join us by phone. Hoop asked some of the questions which had been raised regarding to the request and the event. Following the phone conversation discussion of the request continued. In absence of a full conclusion to the decision making discussion Clark made a motion which was seconded and approved by voice vote to authorize the president to negotiate on behalf of the club and to approve the request if he sees fit.

**Old Business:**

At the July meeting Nancy Lindenberg donated a Yaesu station wattmeter and a Leeder oscilloscope to the club from Charlie's estate so that they could be auctioned. Mike did research on them to come up with minimum bid suggestions. The scope sold for \$30 and the Yaesu wattmeter sold for \$70.

**Announcements and Event Reports**

- Jim, KE7GAB, on behalf of the LDS church had requested an amateur radio presentation for an event they were putting on at his home recently. He thanked Bryan and Hoop for attending and manning demonstration station for a couple of hours for them. In further appreciation to the club Jim provided refreshments for our meeting today.

**• Volunteer opportunities:**

- August 19 Island Rec 8.8K Loop Run – SJCARS has again been asked to provide communications support.
- Scott, W7SLM has volunteered to chair a committee to update SJCARS constitution and bylaws. Scott will review them and report back with suggestions for making them more current.
- Hoop brought up the idea that the club should have a historian to collect and preserve club's history. The club has scrapbooks which could maybe be digitized. Interested volunteers are welcomed.

**• Upcoming meetings:**

- Our September meeting will be a picnic on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> in Odlin County Park on Lopez Island
- Unless otherwise publicized, the October meeting will be held at the Friday Harbor Brewing Company

**Presentations by special guests:**

- Mike's guest and friend, Rob Leicester, ZL2US, President of the Hawks Bay Amateur Radio Club talked to us about ham radio in New Zealand. He showed us digital slides of antennas and stations including a shared remote base system and a collection of local hams.
- Brendan Cowan, Director of Friday Harbor and San Juan County Department of Emergency Management gave us a very interesting talk on the Incident Command System, ICS and how it helps organizations manage themselves during times of crisis. Admitting that ICS might not be the most interesting thing for folks to learn about he hoped that at least a few local hams would attend a multi-day ICS training session in Friday Harbor on September 26 and 27 so that the ham radio component of emergency support services would have some coordinators with some understanding of how what they do fits into the big picture when they are called upon to provide assistance.

**Stories from your shack:**

- Craig announced the Port of Friday Harbor is sponsoring a fly-in on August 26
- Dave announced that Bryan teaching another tech license prep class with the VE session for it being on Saturday September 16 at Mulis Fire Station Training Room. The next regularly scheduled VE session is scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup> at SJI Library.
- Peter WA7FUS pointed out that it was noted a recent ARRL Letter that the Northern California DX Club is promoting an interesting "Elmering" program aimed at getting new hams on the HF bands (<http://www.ncdxc.org/pages/elmer.html>).
- Rob ZL2US said that in New Zealand there is only one class of amateur radio license. All hams have the same privileges.
- Mike thanked Rob for visiting our club.

## **SJCARS 2017 Events Calendar**

- 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 15, 2017 in Odlin County Park
- 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 Fair at Mullis - Saturday, October 14th
- Christmas Party on Friday, Dec 8th, 2017, at Mullis Fire. Coordinating TBD

**Next meeting:** Friday September 15, Picnic, Odlin County Park, Lopez Island

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm

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

**The next club meeting  
will be held at 11:30 Friday September 15, 2017  
Odlin County Park, Lopez Island**