



SJCARS
San Juan County Amateur Radio Society

Minutes of meeting: February 9, 2019

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the SJCARS was called to order at 11:35AM - Friday, February 9, 2019, at the Masonic hall in Friday Harbor by club president, Scott Miller. The club thanked Paul for arranging the use of the Masonic hall.

ATTENDEES:

Paul N7TZW	Dan N6AU	Clare KE7WQY	Ed KD7TUN
Greg AE7EL	Scott W7SLM	Dave K9MRQ	Howie N7FBC
Robin KJ7BFD	Alan KJ7BFC	Kent KF7VDD	Craig AE7NA
David KC6UVZ	Hoop K9QJS		

MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting on January 11, 2019 as posted on the club website were approved as posted.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Scott read the report from Club Treasurer, Dani. The current balance is \$ 4,283.25 plus \$ 742.69 in our Paypal account for a total of \$ 5,025.94. Expenses paid since January 1 include \$ 10.00 filing for our non-profit annual report and \$ 369.95 to Ed Kelm for reimbursement for the power supply on Cady Mtn. Membership activity since January 1 includes \$ 590.00 taken in as dues, with \$20.09 paid to Paypal (action fees) for a net of \$569.91.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ed as VP reported that we are still looking for meeting places for our club meetings in March and April.

Scott handed out a survey on members' Ham interests. He then reported on the recent ARRL reorganization plan that provides for: the formation of a management council, a product development manager, and a marketing committee manager. Scott said the MicroHams Digital Conference is coming up in Redmond on March 23rd.

Dave was asked about VE testing coming up, and a discussion ensued about ARRL testing sessions vs Laurel testing sessions and the pros and cons of each. Most seemed to agree that even if we do participate in Laurel testing, we are not going to stop giving ARRL tests too. Dave is not "giving up the briefcase." There is a Laurel test coming up at the Friday Harbor Labs on Feb 23rd, but there seems to be no publicity about it.

Hoop announced that there will be an EmCom meeting on Feb 15th from 11:30 to 1:30 at the old Friday Harbor Firehouse.

Ed reported on the power outage at the Cady repeater saying that maybe we will need new batteries. Craig said there is an Interstate battery salesman who comes to the island.

Scott went over both the club calendar and the external one. As a result of the meeting preference survey, the club Christmas party will be on a Saturday, December 14th. The Orcas picnic will be on a Saturday also. We will attempt to schedule it for May 11th. More input will be asked for from the Lopez Hams before definitely scheduling their picnic on a Saturday.

More discussion ensued about meeting locations. It is easier to schedule meetings on Fridays at Mullis Firehouse and next to impossible to get them on Saturdays. What we are looking for are places where we don't have to pay, or to pay very little. Possibilities are the Masonic Hall, the old firehouse. Key Bank, and Islanders Bank. The last 3 are not available on Saturdays.

NEW BUSINESS:

Scott opened a discussion on the membership roster and what should be public and what should be private. A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the treasurer should find a secure way to make the roster available to the membership.

The topic of Event Support was tabled by the president for the next meeting.

Ed gave a presentation about 5/8ths wave antennas.

Stories from our shacks ended the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 PM by president, Scott.

Respectfully submitted by: Clare Kelm, acting recording secretary in the absence of regular secretary Peter Dahl. (additions, corrections or comments to Clare Kelm KE7WQY@arrl.net)

**The next club meeting will be held at 11:30 AM on either March 8 or 9
at a place to be determined.**