



# PPRAA

Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association

## October 2019 Club Meeting Minutes

10/9/2019

CTO @ 7:01 PM by KD0KQL, Jim

In attendance: 35

- Pledge of Allegiance – Lead by N6JRL, Don
- SK's: None
- Introductions

### Old Business:

- New hams:
  - Have you done any contesting or digital modes?
  - Do you need technical help?
- Treasurer's Report: W5UDM, Dick
  - Membership numbers and # that are past due. If expired, can't vote. Please renew if your membership has expired.
- Secretary's Report: KD0VRB, Jay
  - Old business:
    - Connectivity at Ellicott site, committee formed
    - Satellite contact committee formed
  - New business:
    - Committee to nominate Officers and Board members formed.
    - Any nominations at this time? Self nominations welcome for Pres, VP, and 3 board positions. Come see KD0VRB, Jay.
- ZeroBeat Report: WA0BCM, Jerre
- Webmaster Report: N7LEM, Doug – All current information is up on the website.
- PPARES Report: KD0SFY, John – Thanks to those who participated this summer in the Severe Weather Net. Pikes Peak Ascent and Marathon report and future projects. Next event is CS Marathon on 9/28 – very easy to support. Just need a HT that can hit the local repeater.
- Megafest Report: KD0NQM, Jim and N6JRL, Don - Anything to add? KD0NQM – Thanks to those who assisted in making it successful. Discussing together what they are going to do next year.
- Table Reservations: NG0I, John - Summary of table rentals.
- KD0NQM, Jim - KingSoopers membership cards are still available -- (not the cash cards) They are free, can be registered by anyone and are linked to our club for our support. We have cards and info on how to register them. Rules are a little different now, but a percentage of your purchases goes to the club.
- Christmas Party: In work, Don, N6JRL is spearheading. Going to be in Black Forrest. Dinner will be catered (if anybody knows, let [n6jrl@aol.com](mailto:n6jrl@aol.com) know), he could use a few people to help. There will be a minimal charge (\$10/person), anything over the club will pay for, 6-10 PM. Will need people to help clean up.



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- N6JRL, Don - Club Picnic Picnic: Black Forest Regional Park, great time, great prizes. Nobody left hungry. Satellite working demonstrations.
- KD0KQL, Jim – Who's not a member of the reflector? –about a dozen hands went up. Mentioned that a lot of good information comes out on the reflector. Get ahold of John, and give him your email address or you can go through the [ppraa.org](http://ppraa.org) website and get on the list through there as well.
- N6JRL, Don – Youth DXAdventure – Logan's grandpa got his passport so he can go with Logan to the next DXAdventure in 2020.
- Thursday Night Net: We needed a volunteer to stand in for Mike, K0JT, while he was out of town. Joe, KE0TPW stepped up. Unless Mike is at the meeting, Joe will continue to be temp Net Control with backups. Lower level tech questions are needed for the Thursday Night Net, so please let Joe know until Mike gets back if you have any questions to submit.

### New Business:

- New hams:
  - Are you working hard to upgrade your license?
  - Do you need any tech help or test prep?
- Treasurer's Report: W5UDM, Dick
  - See the treasurer's report
  - Percentages of club members by license type. Pretty high percentages of club members with a General or Amateur Extra class license.
- N6JRL, Don
  - Free posters at the back of the room
  - Presentation of QSL card to KD0KQL, Jim
- PPARES Report: KD0SFY, John – Marathon report – Difficulty with changes. Presentation of certificates to those who assisted.
- Secretary's Report: KD0VRB, Jay
  - Old business:
    - None
  - New business:
    - Nomination Committee
      - President
      - VP
      - Secretary
      - Treasurer
      - Board Members
    - Mel, a ham who moved away but needs some help with his backyard work. 5-6 people are needed to assist with this.
    - Ham who is having an issue with a neighbor who claims that he's sucking all of the radio out of the air with his antenna and disrupting his Wifi and other wireless radio. KD0KQL is going to help out.



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- Presentation of the concept of lifetime membership to PPRAA. We'll bring up again at the next club meeting.
- ZeroBeat Report: WA0BCM, Jerre
- Webmaster Report: N7LEM, Doug – He is out sick.
- Megafest Report: KD0NQM, Jim and N6JRL, Don – N/A
- Summary of the internet issue at the club station in Ellicott
  - ISP options
    - DSL, wireless microwave, wifi hotspots, satellite – These are about \$50/mo, except for the idea that is available through Techsoup, but the models for the hotspots do not support an external antenna. Since this system uses Sprint, does anybody have a phone that we could use to test cellular data reception?
- PPARES Report by KD0SFY, John – Annual simulated emergency test coming up. It is being held on the 26<sup>th</sup>. The net will be open to all amateur radio operators. Salvation Army holiday meal services on Thanksgiving and Christmas are coming up. Very easy to do. Will need a handful of volunteers for these service opportunities. ARES was on standby for the Deckers Fire. The weather is changing, so be careful of all of the other people out on the roads.
- Christmas Party: In work, Don, N6JRL is spearheading. Going to be in Black Forrest. Dinner will be catered, the club will provide non-alcoholic beverages, you can bring your own alcohol. Meal will be about \$8 per person. The club will subsidize the cost for the meal. Please sign up so they can get a head count. Let them know if you're going to be bringing any children. You can pay tonight, at the November meeting, or at the dinner. We have the building from 6-10 PM. Feel free to bring Christmas cookies if you'd like. Nice prizes will be available.
- Thursday Night Net: Mike, K0JT, is back in town. Joe, KE0TPW has been helping out.
- Weekend of the 18<sup>th</sup> – Jamboree on the Air event will be held. If interested, look up JOTA to find out the frequencies.
- ELECTIONS RESULTS
  - President: N6JRL, Don
  - Vice President: K0BUL, Tom
  - Treasurer: W5UDM, Dick
  - Secretary: KD0VRB, Jay
  - Board:
    - AE2RW, Earl
    - N0ABC, Dennis
    - KE0LQK, Anthony
    - KE0KZA, Logan

Motion to Adjourn @ 8:31 PM by KD0KQL, Jim, 2nd by KD0VRB, Jay.

*All in Favor.*