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Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association

November 2019 Club Meeting Minutes

11/13/2019

CTO @ 6:58 PM by N6JRL, Don

In attendance: 40

- Tribute to Veterans
- Pledge of Allegiance – Lead by N6JRL, Don
- SK's: KE5JCB
- Introductions

Old 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.
 - Presentation of the concept of lifetime membership to PPRAA. We'll bring up again at the next club meeting.
- ZeroBeat Report: WA0BCM, Jerre



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- 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 26th. 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 18th – 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

New Business:

- WV7T, Mike: Presentation of award to KD0KQL, Jim for WAS.
- New hams:
 - What was your driving force to get into ham radio?
 - Network, emergencies, and expand his horizons (learning).
 - Had a piece of equipment he wanted to use that required a license.
- Treasurer's Report: W5UDM, Dick
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- Secretary's Report: KD0VRB, Jay
 - Old business:



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- None
- New business:
 - None
- ZeroBeat Report: WA0BCM, Jerre
- Webmaster Report: N7LEM, Doug
- PPARES Report: KD0SFY, John –
 - Reported on the recent 10/16 SET – 30 operators, 32 situation reports, emergency center forwarded their reports to the state operations center. It went well.
 - Upcoming Salvation Army Thanksgiving and Christmas meal. Need 1-2 more operators. Email John or the mission coordinator that is listed on the website.
 - They do most of their stuff with HT's.
 - MARS event upcoming as well.
 - John recently got to talk to the Girl Scouts about radio.
- N6JRL, Don – Brought up the current stagnant situation in the club. Please give N6JRL, Don and/or K0BUL, Tom your ideas of what you'd like to do with amateur radio. This should help the club membership become more active and learn new things.
- Megafest Report: KD0NQM, Jim – Not present but we have a few things we need a membership vote on this evening:
 - KD0SFY, John made the motion to raise ticket prices from \$5-\$6, 2nd by KD0KQL, Jim.
All in favor.
 - K0BUL, Tom made the motion to increase the prize budget to no more than \$3500. 2nd by KE0TPW, Joe.
All in favor.
- Christmas Party Information by N6JRL: 42 people have signed up so far. We'd like to have commitments NLT Dec 1st. Holiday style turkey dinner cost is \$8/person. Club offsets cost by approximately \$10. The party is at the community center in Black Forest on our regular meeting night (held on 12/11), time is from 6-10 PM. Meal served at 7 PM. Motion to approve funds \$2292.32 for the dinner by KD0KQL, 2nd by KD0VRB.
All in favor.
- N7LEM, Doug – August 7-9, 2020 is the date for Hamcon. It will be held in Parker, Colorado this year. The admissions price will be a little higher than usual but please sign up early for cheaper prices. Great prizes will be available and 43 different forum topics are available to choose from. The website will be online for registration NLT 1/15/20. This event usually gets about 500 people and in 2020 they expect around 700.
- WOCEC, Curtis – Dilemma on piece of equipment. Needs some soldering done. Help offered.
- Questions:
 - Petition to change baud rate for HF. Why are they petitioning for a change?
A symbol rate (limit as 300) to a bandwidth of 2800 will put things in line with IARU 1 and IARU 2. The FCC has been strangling us on this, but if allowed it would allow us to use some commonly used modes that they use overseas.

Program: Micah Rice with Sports Strategies – Pikes Peak Apex Mountain Bike Race

- KS0SFY, John - Concern about this being held during the Colorado Springs Marathon.



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- KE0KZA, Logan: He called for help on a repeater for some people who got in an accident and needed medical assistance.

Motion to Adjourn @ 8:47 PM by N7LEM, Doug, 2nd by KE0SSH, Jay.

All in Favor.