

JUNEAU AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

12/6/17

The December 6, 2017 regular meeting of the Juneau Amateur Radio Club was called to order by President Jeff Deaner, KL7JVD at 7:00 P.M.

Attendance: Scott Novak, KL3JM; Rick Pearson, KL7PHB; Dave Bruce, WL7BKA; Howard Shepherd, AL7I; Joe Johnson, KL2ZS; Destiny Sargeant, KL4FQ; Pat Moore, AL7L; Sam Smith, KLØQZ; Ernie Mueller, KL2UH; Russell Strandtmann, KL7HAO; Rob Breffeilh, AL5G, Jeffrey Deaner, KL7JVD, Larry Walter, KL7IWC, Fred Hiltner, KL4KB.

Minutes of November 1, 2017 Regular Meeting: The Minutes of the November 1, 2017 Regular Meeting were approved as distributed.

Membership Report: Membership Chair Dave Bruce reported the current membership at 60 paid for 2017 and 20 paid for 2018.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Scott Novak submitted the following report:

The current balance of the general checking account is \$6,702.36 and the gaming account is \$6.56.

Deposits for the month included \$504 in dues, \$29.89 from Amazon Smile, \$55 in donations and \$0.24 in bank dividends.

Expenses were \$20 in renewal fees for the gaming license, there were no general checking account expenses for November.

VHF Report: Howard Shepherd mentioned that the Mt. Roberts Repeater is still generating a high pitch audio signal from time to time and that it does not appear to be intentional. It is less frequent than it has been. Meanwhile it is disconnected from the linked network. The Lena Point and Peterson Hill repeaters are working properly and are still linked.

Special Projects Report:

Training: Pat Moore reported that the Amateur Extra class has five students remaining and that it is about half way through. Saturday, December 9, the service monitor will be brought into the class and anyone who would like to have their handy-talky checked out are welcome to bring them in.

HamSCI (www.hamsci.org) the Ham Radio Science Citizen Investigation, is a platform for the publicity and promotion of projects that are consistent with the following objectives:

- Advance scientific research and understanding through amateur radio activities.
- Encourage the development of new technologies to support this research.
- Provide educational opportunities for the amateur community and the general public.

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funded by organizations like the United States National Science Foundation. See the website for further information.

Contests: There is a 10 meter contest this weekend.

The RTTY Roundup is the first full weekend of January, but never on January 1. Begins 1800 UTC Saturday, ends 2400 UTC Sunday (January 6-7, 2018). Amateurs worldwide contact and exchange QSO information with other amateurs using digital modes (Baudot RTTY, ASCII, AMTOR, PSK31, PSK63, and Packet—attended operation only) on 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meter bands. Any station may work any other station. Stations may be worked once per band, regardless of mode. This is a great opportunity to get involved in digital modes.

2017 SSB Sweepstakes, November 18-19, the Club made 89 contacts and earned 8190 points. For more information about the Club's participation see the December, 2017 Newsletter. During the event the linear amplifier belonging to Jerry Prindle, KL7HFI, failed. Pat Moore believes he can repair it. The general consensus was to reimburse Pat for any expenses involved. Also, Pat's headset was damaged, a motion was made and approved to reimburse him for the replacement of the headset, approximately \$70.

VE Report: There was no VE activity for November. The next scheduled examination session will be during the January 13th Annual Meeting.

Emergency Communications/ARES Report: The ARES meeting will be Thursday December 14. This change is for this month only.

Old Business: Sam Smith has made all the arrangements with the Episcopal Church for the Annual Meeting, January 13, 2018. He will order the meat and will bring the condiments. Club members should bring their choice of other items: bread, vegetables, side dishes, desserts, drinks, etc. The dinner will be at 6:00 P.M. followed by the annual meeting. Pat will take care of the prize table. People can donate books, electronics, etc.

The nominating committee has met and reports its recommendations for officers as follows:

Destiny Sargeant, President
Rick Pearson, Vice-President
Scott Novak, Treasurer
Ernie Mueller, Secretary

Ernie is working on the new name badge design for the Club and shared some ideas about a new design. A general consensus was reached on a design, which is shown in the December Newsletter. Pat Moore will follow up on a vest.

The Club NWS station main tri-band antenna feed line is apparently damaged. Repairs have not yet been made.

New Business: There was some discussion about the tower trailer, particularly the difficulty of moving it. This may be made easier in the near future as Jerry Prindle, KL7HFI, will be returning to Juneau in the spring and will leave his large truck here. There was also some discussion about protecting the trailer itself, which is exposed to the weather. No decisions were made.

Larry Walter brought up the fact that monthly Club meetings are on the first Wednesday, which is a church night for many members who might attend if the meeting was held on a different day of the week. This matter was deferred to the annual meeting.

There being no further business to be brought before the Club, at 8:25 P.M. the meeting was continued until the Annual Meeting in January

Respectfully Submitted,

Ernie Mueller, KL2UH,
Secretary
Juneau Amateur Radio Club

The next meeting of the Juneau Amateur Radio Club will be the Annual Meeting. See the December Newsletter for the full schedule, the formal meeting will begin at 6:30 P.M., January 13, 2018, at St. Brendan's Episcopal Church, 4207 Mendenhall Loop Road, Juneau.