

## JUNEAU AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

8/5/18

The September 5, 2018 regular meeting of the Juneau Amateur Radio Club was called to order by President Destiny Sargeant, KL4D at 7:00 P.M.

**Attendance:** Destiny Sargeant, KL4D; David Bruce, WL7BKA; Scott Novak, KL3JM; Glenn Sicks, KLØQZ; Ivan Hazelton, NL5I; Howard Shepherd, AL7I; Dan Palicka, KL4FR; Jeffrey Deaner, KL7JVD; Rob Breffielh, AL5G; Ernie Mueller, KL2UH; Allen Bell, KD9TK; Dick Farnell, KL4HO; Martha Palicka, KL4FS.

Before the start of the formal meeting, President Sargeant made a conference call to Vice-President Rick Pearson, KL7PHB, who is recovering in St. Elias Specialty Hospital in Anchorage. He reported that he is doing well and hopes to return home to Juneau in a few weeks.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the August, 2018 meeting were approved as corrected: Rob Breffielh, AL5G was present at the meeting. President Sargent's correct call sign is now KL4D, it was not correct in the August Newsletter.

**Membership report:** Membership Chair David Bruce reported that there are 58 members paid for 2018, no change from the last report.

**Treasurer's report:** Treasurer Scott Novak reported that the balance in the General Account is \$11,186.79 and the gaming account is \$129.56. There were no expenses in August and the deposits included \$100 from item sales, \$2000 from the sale of the tower trailer generator, \$34.59 from Amazon Smile and \$0.35 in bank dividends.

**VHF report:** All repeaters that were working at the time of the last meeting are still working. The deicing equipment for the Eaglecrest repeater is a work in progress. The Hoonah repeater should be on the air next week, but will not be connected to the linked system until work is done at the Lena Point site.

**VE report:** There was no activity in August.

**Education report:** There was no report. The Red Cross volunteers may be interested in a Technician level class later in the Fall or Winter,

**Special Activities report:** There was no Special Activities report. The Voice Sweepstakes contest will be November 17-19 this year.

**ARES:** Martha Palicka, KL4FS, ARES Emergency Coordinator, reported that the August emergency communication exercise did accomplish the objective of emergency call-out, mobilization and setting up the antenna at the Rotary pull out on the Mendenhall Wetlands and being able to transmit on 80, 40, 60 and 20 meter frequencies. Messages were passed through the Eaglecrest Repeater to Whitehorse, Y.T. but could not relay to Sitka. Sitka is an important destination for emergency communications and; but they may have to be communicated by relay. There were

significant propagation issues. She thanked the National Weather Service and the American Red Cross for their help and participation.

She also mentioned that the ARRL is reviewing the function and structure of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service that will include specific training requirements for ARES members and an expanded role for Division and Section leaders. There is an article in the September edition of QST on the ARES changes.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Thanks to Scott Novak, KL3JM for selling the surplus generator for a good price. Scott is also looking for a new, smaller, inverter generator.

Martha and Dan Palicka proposed a gun raffle to raise funds for Club equipment such as a new generator. They proposed to sell 100 tickets at \$10.00 each. After some discussion of the purposes for which receipts from the Club's gaming permit could be used, Scott moved that a gun raffle be used to raise funds for the new generator. The motion passed. Glenn Sicks, KLOQZ moved that \$700 be appropriated for this project. That motion passed. A committee of Jeff Deaner, Scott Novak and Dan Palicka was appointed to handle this matter.

President Sargeant thanked all those who helped her install her new roof top antenna, saying "It takes a village to raise an antenna."

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Scott Novak suggested that each year the Club select one or more members as needed to travel to Haines and Skagway to assist the Yukon Amateur Club in providing emergency communications for the road races and to provide some financial assistance for travel. It was noted that the Club has members in Haines that might be able to do this. Scott asked that this matter be brought up at the next meeting. Dan suggested that an amount of money be set aside each year for the purposes of outreach and that this service could be considered as an eligible expense.

Jeff Deaner announced that he has applied for a pioneer's grant for \$5000. He also mentioned that the National Institute of Science and Technology is planning to close down WWV and WWVH as part of its federal budget reduction plan. Those interested in objecting to this plan should contact him.

There being no further business to be brought before the Club, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Ernie Mueller, KL2UH  
Secretary, JARC

The next regular meeting of the Juneau Amateur Radio Club will be Wednesday October 3, 2018, 7:00 P.M. at the National Weather Service Forecast Office, 8500 Mendenhall Loop Road, Juneau.