

N7LGN Amateur Radio Club
27 September 2023 - Minutes for the General Meeting
Meeting Location: American Legion Hall Post 113, Meridian, Idaho

Meeting: Richard Dees called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and led the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Officers Present:

President: Rich Dees - Present Secretary: Alicia Bunnell - Present
Vice President: Matt Wrobel - Absent

Introduction of Members: Attendees (11 Present):

Rich Dees W7BOI, Alicia Bunnell W7YUT, Dean Bunnell W7DBX, Ron Giuntini, KB7GK, Chuck Crooks KD7QJU, Preston Gilliam NR6L, Jonathan Hoffmeier KE0JRH, James Roethig K7IDO, Mike Wittek K7MHW, Stacy Mahana N7MOD, Curtis Egge W8CDE

Reading of Minutes: Previous meeting minutes were posted and emailed. Motion to approve and seconded.

Treasurer's Report: \$1,841.51. Motion to approve and seconded.

Committee Reports:

- Repeater: David and Annette are still recovering from their accident. David reports that the repeater is working great.
- Nets: Rich reported the following:
 - 1) 94 Net – Meets on Thursdays at 7:00 PM on 146.94
 - 2) Simplex Net– Meets on Thursdays at 7:30 PM on 147.420

Activities/Announcements:

- ARISS (Amateur Radio on the International Space Station) proposal deadline's November 10.
- Christmas Party – Plans for Christmas party. Third party Christmas greetings was proposed, using our ability to communicate without the use of internet or telephone.

Note: Discussion to continue - motion was made, but no approval. Some proposed a Christmas party for the club, but there was no further discussion.

Presentation: “Show and Tell” Rich did a show and tell about his SPAM in a can equipment and how it relates to emergency preparedness. “S.P.A.M” is not the canned ham, but it is a Society for Preservation of Amplitude Modulation - to preserve AM as a means of amateur radio communication. “AM” or Amplitude Modulation was the first type of amateur radio communications; transmissions are at low frequencies. Rich brought his Gonset (aka Goonie or Gooney), a vintage 6 meter ham radio. The Gonset 6 meter and 2 meter AM transmitter-receiver was one of the first commercial ham radios. A couple of versions were made. The Gonset for Civil Defense (CD) had a yellow color with CD marking, and another version was made for amateur radio. Another emergency preparedness, Winlink was discussed and is a popular digital mode for passing third party traffic. Winlink uses amateur radio frequencies; it is independent of the internet and allows the ability to send email message over radio frequencies. It is useful when emergency situations occur and when systems are down during a disaster.

New Business: Club's Application form was distributed. The Application form will be available (membership period's Jan to Dec). Any questions contact Alicia.

Give Away Drawing: Stacy won an SWR meter, and Craig won a dummy load

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:30 PM

Secretary: Alicia Bunnell W7YUT