N7LGN Amateur Radio Club

28 February 2024 - Minutes for the General Meeting Meeting Location: American Legion Hall Post 113, Meridian, Idaho

Meeting: Richard Dees called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Officers Present:

President: Rich Dees, Vice President: David Hunter, Secretary/Membership: Alicia Bunnell

Introduction of Attendees: (16 Present):

Rich Dees W7BOI, David Hunter N7MKY, Alicia Bunnell W7YUT, Jonathan Hoffmeier KE0JRH, Annette Hunter KK7AYJ, Dean Bunnell W7DBX, Joe Aragon N7ZXO, John Berkke KJ7VSV, Chuck Crooks KD7QJU, Steve Dennin KJ7EWE, Joe LaGreca KN6NBU, Mike Levine KJ6HSB, Dan Pruett (no call sign) James Roething K7IDO, Karl Rudorf KJ7WTD, Chris Cox N7COX

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

Treasurer's Report: \$1,947.51 Rich reported the financials for the club, as provided by the American Legion's Post 113 Finance Officer. Motion to approve and seconded.

Committee Reports:

- Repeater: David reported the repeater is working excellent.
- 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:

- Ham Test: March 16 at 10am RSVP required; contact Rich Dees
- Next Meeting: March 27
- May 4 and Sept 4 from 9am to 1pm: Ham Radio Swap Meet to be held in Star, at Star Riverwalk Park, 979
 S. Main Street. Free Space, 10'x10' must bring your own table and chairs –For more information and signup form to sell at the swap meet, go to: starhamradio.com— announcement by Chris Cox N7COX
- Fox Hunt: May 25 after Post 113 breakfast which is from 9am to 11 am
- Field Day: June 22 23 (further discussion at the next meeting)

Presentation: "Star Idaho Repeater System" by Chris Cox N7COX

Chris gave a presentation on the Star Idaho Repeaters he installed and mentioned proposed plans for the Star Ham Radio Community ("StarHamRadio"). Chris is a long-time ham and a professional in the radio world. He supported public safety systems for over 40 years and knows radios and repeater systems. To date, he has installed the following repeaters in Star: 444.525 +5Mhz PL 103.5; 14700 (simplex) DPL 074 (cross band repeater) – alternate is 146.460 simplex; GMRS repeater at 462.725, PL 103.5; Allstar. Chris mentioned plans for DMR, Winlink, Wires-X and 220Mhz repeater. For more information go to starhamradio.com. The City of Star has been very supportive of the StarHamRadio and sponsored the repeater site. The StarHamRadio received approximately \$1,200.00 in donations and will be donating some GMRS equipment to pay-it-forward to the City.

New Business:

- Elmer in the House Next Elmer event will be Sunday, March 24 at 3pm.
- Members proposed some presentation topics: Fox Hunting, invite Larry Smith (historical background; repeaters, etc.)
- Silent Key's radio equipment: Thank You David and Annette for cataloging the equipment. David mentioned the equipment list is available at: https://www.n7mky.com/n7lgn (click on: N7LGN Donated Gear List)
- N7LGN Notes and News Newsletter: Thank You to our Newsletter Editor, Jonathan Hoffmeier for his great work.

Old Business: None

Give Away Drawing: Joe Aragon won the ARRL 2024 Handbook

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:30 PM Secretary: Alicia Bunnell W7YUT