

N7LGN Amateur Radio Club
27 March 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: (7 Present):

Rich Dees W7BOI, David Hunter N7MKY, Alicia Bunnell W7YUT, Jonathan Hoffmeier KE0JRH, Annette Hunter KK7AYJ, Dean Bunnell W7DBX, Preston Gilliam NR6L

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

Treasurer's Report: \$2,057.51 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 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:

- April 20, Saturday: Ham Test - Time:10 am. RSVP required – No Walk-Ins; contact Rich Dees
- April 21, Sunday: Elmer in the House – Time: 2:30 pm
- April 24, Wednesday: **Next N7LGN Meeting** - Time: 7pm (pizza at 6:45pm)
- May 4, Saturday: Star Ham Radio Swap Meet – Time: 9am to 1pm, at Star Riverwalk Park, 979 S. Main Street. N7LGN has a 10'x10' space – will need volunteers.
- May 11, Saturday: Spring Ham/Fest Swap Meet – Time: 8 am at Peace Valley Charter School, 1845 S. Federal Way, Boise. Sponsor: South West Idaho ARC
- May 18, Saturday: Ham Test – Time: 10 am. RSVP required – No Walk-Ins; contact Rich Dees
- May 19, Sunday: Elmer in the House – Time: 2:30 pm
- May 18 - 19: POTA (all bands and modes, POTA is not a contest), Sponsor: South West Idaho ARC www.k7swi.org. Place: Any POTA reference area in Idaho. Obtain the flyer: [All IDAHO POTA PALOOZA.pdf](#)
- May 22, Wednesday: **Next N7LGN Meeting** - Time: 7pm (pizza at 6:45pm)
- May 25: Fox Hunt on Saturday, about 11am - after Post 113 breakfast which is from 9am to 11 am
- June 22 -23, Field Day. **Note: Informal N7LGN BBQ Field Day on June 22, Saturday – from 12 to 4pm**
Dave and Annette volunteered their place. Further discussion at the April 24th meeting.

Presentation: “Amateur Radio Emergency Communications” by Richard Dees W7BOI.

When communications fail, there are first responders – engage when needed. As an example, for City of Meridian, it has police, fire, and EMS robust communication systems. Communities may have limited resources and/or communications, i.e. can be missing cell phone service. Richard provided an overview of the Emergency Communication Programs and Groups in Treasure Valley, which included the following: Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services, Skywarn, Radio Emergency Associated Communications Team (REACT), National Traffic System (NTS), Military Radio Systems (MARS), ARES, Radio Relay International (RRI), Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), National Weather Service (NWS), RACES, Emergency Response Communications (ERC) and American Redoubt Radio Operators Network (AmRRon).

New Business: TALARC – American Legion ARC program is active and using Echo link.

Nomination of Officers – Richard Dees to send email

Auction of Equipment/sell at Star Ham Radio Swap Meet (volunteers are needed)

Old Business: None

Give Away Drawing: David N7MKY won - decided that drawing be held at next meeting

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:40 PM

Secretary: Alicia Bunnell W7YUT