

**N7LGN Amateur Radio Club**  
**24 April 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:** (10 Present):

Rich Dees W7BOI, David Hunter N7MKY, Alicia Bunnell W7YUT, Annette Hunter KK7AYJ, Dean Bunnell W7DBX, Chuck Crooks KD7QJU, Ron Giuntini, KB7GK, Steve Dennin KJ7EWE, Mike Wittek K7MHW, Paul Baeder W7PSB

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

**Treasurer's Report:** \$2,169.51 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– Currently suspended.
  - 3) Need new list of Net Control Operators – volunteers appreciated.

**Activities/Announcements:**

- May 4, Saturday: Star Ham Radio Swap Meet – Time: 9am to 1pm, at Star Riverwalk Park, 979 S. Main Street.
- May 11, Saturday: Ham Swap Meet – Time: 8 am, Peace Valley Charter School, 1845 S. Federal Way, Boise
- 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](http://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-Potluck Field Day on June 22, Saturday – from 12 to 4pm**  
Dave and Annette volunteered their place.

**Presentation:** “EchoLink and Modern Digital Modes” by David Hunter W7MKY

EchoLink – an internet linking for amateur radio; there are apps for smart devices and PC. You will need to have a ham radio license and an official PDF copy of your FCC license. EchoLink uses VoIP Voice over Internet Protocol; primarily windows based application and it is free, available at: <http://www.echolink.org>. There's also EchoLinux and EchoMac. EchoLink can be operated between two computers connected to internet using PC soundcard with speakers and microphone, and it can be interfaced as a “Simplex”. One of the slides showed a list of the stations by country, call zone, etc. David did a demo using EchoLink. David mentioned he has a link on his system for the N7LGN club, click on: <https://www.n7mky.com/n7lgn> .

**New Business:**

- Silent Key's radio equipment - to sell at Star Ham Radio Swap Meet (volunteers are needed)
- TALRAC and repeaters 24.245.176.6
- “RSVP” for N7LGN BBQ Field Day Potluck.
- Estimated costs for repeater \$800 and duplexer \$200. Discussion to sell current repeater/duplexer and purchase new repeater and duplexer. Motion to approve and seconded.

**Old Business:** None

**Give Away Drawing:** Annette won a “foxhunt” antenna

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 8:35 PM

**Secretary:** Alicia Bunnell W7YUT