

**N7LGN Amateur Radio Club**  
**22 May 2024 - Minutes for the General Meeting**  
**Meeting Location: American Legion Hall Post 113, 22 W. Broadway Ave., 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; Secretary/Treasurer: Alicia Bunnell

**Introduction of Attendees:** (10 Present) Rich Dees W7BOI, Alicia Bunnell W7YUT, Jonathan Hoffmeier KE0JRH, Dean Bunnell W7DBX, Chuck Crooks KD7QJU, Ron Giuntini, KB7GK, Kevin Evenson KG7CHH, Joe Aragon N7ZXO, Thayne Olaso KJ7WDU, Ken Puckett (no call sign)

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

**Treasurer's Report:** \$2,191.51 Alicia reported N7LGN's financials for the period ending April 30, 2024. Motion to approve and seconded.

**Committee Reports:**

- Repeater: Rich reported the repeater is working great and Simplex is active again.
- 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
  - 3) Net Control Operators – Rich weeks 1 and 2; Jonathan Week 3, and Kevin week 4. Volunteers are needed.

**Activities/Announcements:**

- May 25: Fox Hunt on Saturday, about 10:30 am. The frequency will be 146.72; if you find the Fox, take a picture and report the time.
- June 15: Ham Test - Time:10 am. RSVP required – No Walk-Ins; contact Rich Dees
- June 22 -23: Field Day. RSVP to redcat003@outlook.com- Informal BBQ-Potluck - Saturday June 22, Noon to 4pm Dave and Annette volunteered their place (address to be emailed to members that signup).
- No N7LGN Meeting in June, due to Field Day.
- **July 24, Wednesday: Next N7LGN Meeting** - Time: 7pm (pizza at 6:45pm)
- Sept. 7: Star Ham Radio Swap Meet – Saturday at 9am to 1pm. Location in Star TBD

**Presentation:**

“Threats to Ham Radio” by Rich Dees (Backup for Bart Hill, due to illness)

Rich provided an overview of the threats to amateur radio and frequency spectrum – HF, VHF, UHF. Government agencies want more spectrum. Rich showed a frequency spectrum chart and the distribution. Amateur radio must have access to the frequency spectrum – and the 2 meter band (i.e. 144 MHz) is under threat. Currently financial services proposed to use HF spectrum adjacent to ham radio bands; there are more threats out there. Rich mentioned some regulatory agencies. ARCEP is France's electronic communications. France used ham radio frequency for the Olympics and stated it would give it back after the Olympics; to date this has not happened. And a few years ago, France proposed to regulate the frequency spectrum. The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) has members from most countries and agrees to be bound by ITU decisions on the use of radio frequency spectrum. ITU is broken into 3 sectors. International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) has been the voice for amateur ham radio and has 3 regions. The USA is in region 2 and ARRL is a member of regions 2 and 3. ARRL is important - it lobbies for amateur radio and makes sure our interest in ham radio is protected. We need that lobbying, if not our hobby goes away!

**New Business:**

- Silent Key's radio equipment – Ron KB7GK volunteered to sell some on-line; discussion to donate to Reuseum.
- TALRAC is on the air - Echolink; repeater 24.245.176.6
- David has UHF and VHF repeater at his house.
- Emergency Communications Group (EmComm) provides free training; there is RACES, FEMA – and N7LGN (non-government agency) has an agreement with Homeland Security. Members were encouraged to participate.
- Xmas Party – Dec. date TBD. Members stated they enjoyed the party and looking forward to this year's party.

**Old Business:** None

**Give Away Drawing:** Dean won headphones

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 8:30 PM

**Secretary:** Alicia Bunnell W7YUT