

Paradise Amateur Radio Society (PARS)
Club Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2017

6:30 – 7:00 Meet and Greet

7:00 Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance, there were 7 members and the 2 guests included:

- Daniel – N6APX
- Jim – G6IS

Officer Reports

- President – Jim Tyranski (K66UDW)

The goal of the organization was again stated to not include any aspect of emergency preparedness, but rather, to focus on curiosity for all aspects of amateur radio as a hobby.

Discussion began regarding a field day, and it was tabled until “new business” later.

- Vice – President – Doug Poppelreiter (KD6LOK)

The organization was briefed on the event with the Boy Scouts in Dobbins and helping them learn radio etiquette. Although a bit unorganized, Doug would most likely attend again. His J-Pole connection failed but was able to use his mag mount and it worked fine.

- Treasurer – Don Cooper (W6NMW)

There is currently \$541.52 in the account after the mailing to new members.

- Secretary – Grant Hunsicker (KK6FKW)

April meetings minutes passed without modification.

There was a brief discussion on the website and the overall consensus is that the existing site contains what is needed and it should remain simple.

Old Business

- Caps, Badges and T-Shirts

- o Caps are done and not need to keep on the agenda
- o Badges – tabled
- o Shirts

There was much discussion on this topic including the fabric, quality of the image we have and the placement of items on the shirt. It was determined that Fred would buy a collared short sleeve pocketed shirt for Grant that

would include Name and Call Sign on the front and the silk screen logo on the back and we would see how it looks and that would help determine the cost.

- Membership Drive

Stephen worked to get the file saved digitally so we have access to it in the future and has over 200 cards ready to go and is holding them for appropriate timing for the June meeting; he anticipates mailing them May 29th.

- Frequency Reference Chart

It was discussed that after the weekly net, and beginning AFTER the June meeting, and perhaps longer, that those interested would move to 146.460 (simplex) to see if we can communicate. We then discussed creating a communications plan that would be implemented when / if the power goes out. Again, this is not intended to cover emergency preparedness, but if people have the 146.460 programmed, in their rig, we could go there if we are interested in helping others if there is no electricity.

This led to a conversation about simplex use and that not all stations can here all other stations during a simplex conversation, but that it is still valuable to try to participate in case repeaters are down.

There was also discussion on the GMRS and FMRS frequency use and the possibility to put up a repeater for these frequencies as well. The discussion continued with comments regarding running rigs in the home off of battery power.

- Education partnership for new hams

There was some discussion regarding how attending scout programs fit this goal nicely. There was some discussion about who signs off merit badges and until someone wants to lead/organize/manage this, we will not do much unless events come to our attention.

New Business

- Field Day

This was a lively discussion ranging from implementing our own field day to tagging along with others to learn more about it before we jump into it. Clearly, some of the existing association members are experienced in putting on a field, day, but it a great deal of work. It was determined that we would piggy back on another event and participate with others this year; June is the time they are typically held and they need to be registered with the ARRL.

Presentation:

- Jim wants to provide a hands on experience for digital modes, and in the meantime, presented two presentations.

Closing Comments

None; it was a long and productive meeting.

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