

Paradise Amateur Radio Society (PARS)

Club Meeting Minutes

CHANGE OF LOCATION FOR THIS MEETING – COZY DINER ON THE SKYWAY IN PARADISE

January 2, 2017

1850 - 1900 Meet and Greet

1900 Pledge of Allegiance at 1902 hours.

In attendance were 7 members and one guest.

Officer Reports

- President – Jim Tyranski (KG6UDW)
The President bid everyone a happy 2017 and was thankful that the Association had picked up some new members.
- Vice – President – Doug Poppelreiter (KD6LOK)
The Outgoing Vice-President, Stephen McDermott (W6AKF) indicated that the PPPOA is planning to put us back in the larger Library instead of the crafts room.

The new Vice President, Doug Poppelreiter (KD6LOK) indicated that the New Year is good out of the box and had some positive comments about better engaging the Friends of the High Lakes.

- Treasurer – Don Cooper (W6NMW)
The Treasurer reported that there is \$758 in the bank not including one transaction that has not been recorded.
- Secretary – Grant Hunsicker (KK6FKW)
The December minutes were approved with some corrections on Call Signs and with a big thank you to Don (W6NMW) for taking minutes in December due to absence of the Secretary.

Presentation and Discussion

- o DC Power for Your Amateur Radio Station

[The presentation was abandoned as the group wanted to discuss old and new business first and then we ran out of time for the presentation.]

Old Business

- Caps, Badges and T-Shirts
There was much discussion on this topic and all agreed that the caps (thanks Fred – KM6AGT) all look GREAT!

There was not discussion on badges, but there was discussion on shirts in terms of colors, style, logo, etc. In the end, it was determined that the shirts would be:

- Blue polo style with short sleeves, collar and pocket;
- Front stitching opposite the pocket is Name above and Call Sign below in gold;
- On the back, a screen print of our logo with the tower.

Grant will work with Fred to confirm pricing and we'll bring this back to the group one more time for final approvals, etc. All have positive comments on the vendor; Doug and Fred use them for other associations and everyone is pleased with price and product.

- ARRL Chapter Party

This is placed on hold until spring.

- Emergency Preparedness Involvement

There was a tremendous amount of discussion on this topic.

Much of the conversation included comment on how to be of use / value during an emergency given that the County handles emergencies. We discussed working with the County as PARS and working with the County as an ARES team and this resulted in two main discussions:

- Some feel that the Butte ARES team is compromised and not able to help and that we should work with the County as PARS and not ARES.
- Some believe, to a degree, that our function is more of a hobby than as support in an emergency.

It was discussed that the Association can essentially do both and those that do not wish to respond to emergencies don't have to, and we can all still benefit from each other's knowledge. There was also discussion regarding the concept of finding out why Yuba County ARES is superior to Butte County ARES. The Butte County ARES team meets the 4th Friday of each month.

The plans for the County to move to a trunking / digital system was also discussed and there is concern that future communications may not exist between the County and ham operators and that would be problematic.

It was concluded that Grant would see if County staff from Information Systems and the Office of Emergency Management would be willing to meet to discuss how the Association may be of help in an emergency and what the future holds in terms of radio connectivity between the Association and the County.

We also discussed the use of a simplex frequency (146.460) for PARS to use in an emergency to coordinate ourselves. We have the weekly net on the borrowed repeater, but don't have any other frequency that we all head to when / if there is

an issue. Stephen McDermott (W6AKF) is going to poke around and see if that will work.

New Business

It was determined that dues will become due January 1, of each year and that checks should be made out to PARS. The Treasurer will be making arrangements to have account access and members are encouraged to send a check and membership form to the post office box for 2017.

It was also determined that the dues would be pro-rated to the Quarter for people joining mid-year in 2017.

There was lots of discussion regarding the draw of new members. The need to utilize FCC records, since not all are ARRL Members was discussed. Some concepts were discussed but no formal plans were implemented.

Next meeting scheduled for February 6, at the PPPOA Library.

Meeting ended approximately 2040 hours.