

Paradise Amateur Radio Society (PARS)
Club Meeting Minutes
14211 Wycliff Way, Magalia - POA Library
November 6, 2017

7:00 The meeting started at 1900; There were 10 members in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Officer Reports

- President – Jim Tyranski
 - o Jim noted several comments surrounding FT8, the latest Digital Mode and the efficiencies this mode offers.
 - o There was a lively discussion regarding amateur radio from a fun, or hobby, point of view and from the point of view of communications in emergencies. It was acknowledged that PARS is focused on the hobby or fun part of amateur radio but that a common thread in radio operators is the desire to help others with radio communications.

- Vice – President – Doug Poppelreiter
 - o Both Doug and Stephan McDermott were involved with radio communications during the Scout Jamboree and there was some discussion regarding radio communications merit badges with Scouts.
 - o Doug also had some communications with the teacher referenced last month and there was additional communication regarding the teacher section of ARRL.

- Treasurer – Don Cooper
 - o There is \$666.59 in the fund. It was discussed that after the first of the year, we will have more given the January dues will be coming in.
 - o The Treasurer suggested that PARS pay for an additional year of the post office box. It was approved of by all.

- Secretary – Grant Hunsicker
 - o The October draft minutes were approved and it was noted that the publication of the November minutes would be delayed.

Old Business

- o Updating Bylaws
The Secretary was supposed to email everyone a word version so people could make comments for changes. The Secretary failed to do so, again, and committed to getting that done soon. The topic was tabled until the next meeting. However, our current bylaws require that new officers be

elected this time of the year. It was determined unanimously that officers would remain in place.

- Donations and Fundraising

There was discussion regarding using some of fund balance to buy something that can be raffled off with the hope that we may collect more than the prize and that could assist. However, Stephen McDermott graciously donated an ICOM IC-V8000; WOW! It will be raffled in December.

New Business

- The topic of supporting the Paradise Gold Nugget Days was raised next year. Chris Pickett agreed to reach out to the town of Paradise to see if we can be of assistance.

Presentation

- Kevin Fullerton had planned to meet and discuss hospital / emergency communications but he was not able to attend.
- Jim Tyranski, instead, provided a video. It was also discussed that seeing use of a digital system might be of interest to some of the members.

Closing Comments

- None