Minutes – March 28, 2014

The monthly meeting of the Pelican Bay Amateur Radio Club was called to order by President Paul Carlin KE6NVU at 6:34 PM at the Chetco Activity Center (CAC), Brookings, Oregon.

ASSOCIATES OR GUESTS (1)

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Do we have a quorum? Yes -13 (We have 49 members, so need 10)

Those present were:

MEMBERS (13)

Paul Carlin KE6NVU

Virgil Cox KC7WHG

Kate Davies KF6WIB

Doug Gustafson K7KY

Mindy Hamilton W7ZAP

Pat Henry WA6PKM

Oscar Marks K6LKK

Larry Mostachetti KE7YUI

Mike Poole KE6ZYK

Ron Rieg K7IOW

Leonard Smith KA7VMW

Bob Wilkinson W7VN

Lorraine Wilkinson W7RFC

Minutes of February 28 were approved as distributed by e-mail.

Treasurer's Report: Larry KE7YUI reported a previous balance of \$5,538.38. Deposits: \$30.00 (Dues paid). Disbursements: \$157.67 for White Board for CAC, \$1,339.70 for HRO Radio equipment. Balance on March 28 - \$4,066. 01. Report approved.

We now have 49 members.

Standing Committees:

Cape Ferrelo Repeater: Working properly. An Optima backup battery has been installed. Charger/power supply pending. Harbor Hills Repeater: Ron K7IOW is now working with Paul, helping with upgrades and maintenance on the site.

Website: Mindy W7ZAP and Doug K7KY. Work in progress.

Newsletter: Bob W7VN and Lorraine W7RFC. The May 1st issue will be compiled in April.

Antenna Committee: Nothing pending.

Old Business:

VE Testing: Testing will be Saturday, April 5, 2014 at 9 AM at the Library Annex.

Club Promotion: Kate KF7WIB. The "Bulletin Board" notice in the Curry Pilot has been corrected regarding the meetings. Thank you, Kate!

Net Check-in Report: About 16 members and 5 guests checked in each week. Those who checked in all month were: Jim K7JCS, Ron K7OIW, Doug K7KY, Leonard KA6VMW, Virgil KC7WHG, Lorraine W7RFC, Bob W7VN, Mindy W7ZAP and a guest, Joel KK6JJH.

Simplex Frequency Net: On March 25, no one checked in, partly because of conflicting nets. This net will be cancelled until another time or mission is determined.

New PBARC Equipment purchased by the club: This includes a Yaesu 897D transceiver, MFJ automatic tuner, Rigrunner dc distribution, waterproof instruction booklet and a balun. Also programming software and cable. An SCS modem has also been purchased. Paul KE6NVU is researching for insurance for these items.

The PBARC items were sent home with Doug K7KY and Mindy W7ZAP for additional adjustments. Container plans are pending.

Project Night: Bob W7VN will present and discuss the new equipment purchased by the club for our go-kit of radios for emergencies. Next month Ron K7IOW will tell us about "mesh net."

SOCC: The 2m station is ready to be installed. (March 29 update: This was accomplished by W7VN today, and tested successfully.)

The ham class at SOCC is still not scheduled. CAC is an alternate location.

501(c)(3) – Non-profit incorporation for PBARC: Kathy Bernhardt KG7EHS will work with the executive board to accomplish this after the tax season.

Communication Assistance during emergencies with the county and Red Cross: More discussion ahead. Radios are being considered for St. Timothy's Episcopal Church and the Harbor Fire Department. Antenna and coaxial cable upgrade is needed for Curry General Hospital in Gold Beach. They will do it!

New Business:

Net Control volunteers for the month of April will be Bob W7VN and Lorraine W7RFC. Oscar K6LKK is our first volunteer Net Manager.

Simulated Emergency Test (SET): Bob W7VN announced that a SET will take place on Wednesday, April 16 during the daytime. The EC of Jackson county will develop a test for the 5 southwestern counties. Bob encourages our group to take part.

Snacks at meetings: Virgil KC7WHG brought tasty pound cake this evening. Bob W7VN and Lorraine W7RFC will bring snacks for the April meeting.

Member News: Paul KE6NVU has turned in his application to be a registered volunteer for the county. This is an important test case.

Mike KE6ZYK reported on the tsunami emergency drill held recently in Del Norte and Humboldt Counties.

Next meeting: Friday, April 25 at 6:30 PM at the Chetco Activity Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM by President Paul Carlin KE6NVU. The project activity followed.

Respectfully submitted, Lorraine Wilkinson W7RFC, Secretary