

Minutes – June 28, 2013

The monthly meeting of the Pelican Bay Amateur Radio Club was called to order by Vice President Paul Carlin at 9:06 AM at Dee-Ann's Tea Room, Brookings, Oregon.

Do we have a quorum? Yes – 13 were present (We have 43 members, so need 8)

Those present were:

MEMBERS (13)

Paul Carlin KE6NVU

Kate Davies KF7WIB

James Fournier KF7KVP

Doug Gustafson W7SPY

Mindy Hamilton W7ZAP

Chuck Larimore W6ZX

Oscar Marks K6LKK

Dick Keusink K7VPL

Polly Keusink N7SJH

Doren Rosenthal WA6MVP

Andy Tullis WB6GUM

Bob Wilkinson W7VN

Lorraine Wilkinson W7RFC

ASSOCIATES OR GUESTS (4)

Ellen Babin

Peggy Boice

Vickie Howell

Walter Mead KF7WZU

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Treasurer's Report: from Kate Davies KF7WIB: \$5,483.72, with one check for \$50 written for the Chetco Activity Center. **MSC**

We currently (June 28, 2013) have 44 members. Charles Larimore W6ZX, and Randi Hewitt W7ZXR joined PBARC before the meeting this morning. Walter Mead KF7WVU joined after the meeting. We welcome them to our membership.

Standing Committees:

Cape Ferrello: Andy WB6GUM reported that the 146.84 repeater is working well.

Harbor Hills: Paul KE6NVU reported that all is currently working properly.

Website: Paul KE6NVU reported there is nothing new this month.

Net Report: Larry KE7YUI reported check-ins: 17+2, 19+2, 16+1, 16+3. Those checking in each time all month were: Trish, Paul, Kate, Doug G., Mindy, Kandi, Dick, Polly, Larry, Doren, Jim Speas, Bob and Lorraine.

Unfinished Business:

VE Testing Program: Next testing is August 3. On June 1, three people passed the test for their Technician's license and have joined the club. Licenses have not yet been granted. Next testing is Saturday, August 3. {Late Note: The call signs of these people and our new members are: KG7EHR – Steve Pringle, KG7EHS – Kathie Bernhardt, KG7EHT – Bret Bernhardt.}

Club Promotion: Kate KF7WIB – Please notify Kate with any topics for promotion. Radio Shack is willing to post a notice.

New Vanity Call: The new club call **W7BKG** will be programmed into both repeaters soon.

ORRC information about the repeaters. Bob W7VN will send ORRC our particulars.

Project Night: The first one will be toward the end of July. Topics: tiger tails and radio programming. Check the Website for details.

White Board gift for Chetco Activity Center: Andy WB6GUM is working with the CAC to build a large, casted board to their liking. It was moved that Andy be authorized to receive \$25 for materials. **SC**

Harbor Hills Repeater Site Update: **Paul KE6NVU reported that negotiations have been completed that will give PBARC a gift from Pat Wong of NWTEC of the shed and antenna tower where the repeater currently is installed, allowing the HH repeater to remain at the present location.** Paper work will be developed to cover the gift and also our agreement with HW3, who owns the site. A temporary repeater will be installed while needed work is done on the repeater, including addition of security fasteners to the solar panels.

New Business:

Net Control volunteer for July will be Bob W7VN and Lorraine W7RFC for roll calls July 2 through July 23.

Decision re: Pledge: Bob W7VN moved that we end today's meeting with the pledge and begin future meetings with the pledge. Seconded. After discussion, the vote was Yes-6, No-5, Abstain-1.

Lorraine W7RFC moved that we say the pledge after the meeting is closed, at the discretion of the person running the meeting. Seconded. After discussion, the vote was Yes-4, No-7, Abstain-1.

Because of the close votes, VP Paul KE6NVU called for further discussion.

Doug W7SPY moved that we no longer say the pledge at our meetings and go on with radio topics. Seconded. After discussion, the motion passed with Yes-12. There was extensive discussion on these motions before the votes were taken.

Planning for the EOC: Bob reported that he has not been able to talk with Donny Dotson KE7NTF about developing a PBARC presence in the EOC in Brookings, and this conversation is the logical next step. PBARC alternatives were suggested, such as developing our own communications van or trailer..

ARES: Bob W7VN reported that the county will begin accepting "employment" applications for emergency volunteers, and will do background checks for these people. ARES applicants can apply for this position and that way have the background checks needed for ARES membership.

Bosley Repeater: Bob W7VN reported that the 147.250 repeater is again operating well, though QSOs should be kept short until permanent equipment is installed.

Bosley Site: Doug W7SPY reported that he and Paul KE6NVU have explored the possibilities of getting a Packet node and antenna operational, and plan to ask the county to help, but such help is unknown at this time.

Member News: Doug W7SPY reported that several from our group are now joining hams from the Crescent City club on FLdigi operations on 146.560MHz. Doug, Paul KE6NVU and Mindy W7ZAP hope to give a demonstration to Don Kendall N6VKW, County Emergency Services Coordinator.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 AM by Vice President Paul Carlin KE6NVU

Respectfully submitted,
Lorraine Wilkinson W7RFC– Acting Secretary