

## General Minutes 9/25/2012

Rob Salsgiver called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. There were no new visitors, but there were some who had not visited in a while. Introductions were done around the room.

VE Report: Gary headed the session. VE's in attendance were Gary W7MMG, Jess AD7PZ, Dr. Tom N7PKK, Dale N7XDF and Steve KJ7YL. Two people were served and two tests were administered. We have two new technician class armatures. \$30 was forwarded to the ARRL. Today we are expecting a blind person so need extra VE's to help read and mark answers.

Education Report: Grant Hopper resigned as education director. We need a new leader and program.

Tech Report: There are problems with the link receiver on Gunsite Ridge. We are waiting on a busy Jon to get up there and check out the problem. The Receiver ID's find but does not transmit audio to the main repeater.

Steve updated the firmware to the controller. We might be able to free up a third port if the link receiver goes away. Steve will test echo link on the second controller at his house. PSE rents the current space where the link receiver is located and may abandon it. This leaves no room for the link receiver.

EMCOM: Scott Honiker N7SS has a drill next Saturday. The EOC will be open from 9:00 – 12:00 operating on 146.92 in the 2 meter band.

Gary Hopper discussed how to get involved with Emergency management and said Scott Honiker is a very good resource to get started. The meeting went into a general discussion of Emergency Management and to take a look at personal communications capacity.

DX Report: Frank reports bands are good, especially into Europe. Several DX expeditions are happening. Kosovo is now a country and has the armature designation Z60K. Jim K7QI has a new call from south Sudan as Z81A. Z61D is the other ham in south Sudan. They get lots of pile ups so Frank gave them pointers on split operations.

Dave Cornell discussed his work testing a home grown launch system. They will be testing on the Last Sunday of the month at the Salsgiver's farm. He wants a discussion to compare with Jim Blake's system.

Frank added that Jim has pictures on some DX websites that can be found with a Google search.

Jess Ray discussed elections. There were no nominations from the floor. You must be a member in good standing to vote. The new officers for 2013 are:

- President: Rob Salsgiver NR30
- Vice President: Frank Remington K7GSE
- Secretary: Dave Cornell W9LD

- Treasurer: Pamela Marring KF7MYG

The vote required a simple majority of members in attendance.

Programs for the rest of the year: PSK and DEM, December Christmas party. Looking forward and planning for 2013 field day.

Alex had a large theft. This started a discussion of insurance. We may need a rider for the insurance policy.

Voting for board members: all candidates for the positions mentioned above were approved and installed for 2013. There was a motion and second for destroying the ballots. This passed with unanimous approval.

Club Storage: Jim Ludden, Dave Williamson and Jess Ray compose the committee charged with finding a trailer within our budget.

The wa7law.org website is up. The .com domain will be pointed to the .org website, but the website will default to .org. The .com domain still needs to be transferred to the club. We would also like the ability to run a club reflector through the website. We will need moderators for a two way reflector. We will have one single direction reflector for club announcements and a two way reflector for wide communications between members. Scout Jamboree on the air is next month.

Darlene passed away from cancer which had a quick onset. This was quite upsetting to the membership and much a surprise.

Meeting closed at 9:20.