Sweetwater Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meeting Minutes – October 8, 2024

Prepared by: Huie Hazlett, KF7CJE & Zach Gunyan, *KE7WYG*

Persons Present:

Ron Bruderer, N7ERH; Ron Hensley, KK7TYI; Ryan Rumph, KK7VJM; Jesse Moreno (EMA); Mike Hill, N7PQ; Huie Hazelett, KF7CJE; John Aaron, KE7GPK; Sean Gemmil; Doris Haskill, KB7HEQ; Zach Gunyan, KE7WYG

18:29 – Meeting called to Order

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by John Aaron, Mike Hill seconds motion. *Motion passes*

Treasurers Report: No Treasurer's Report Presented

Old Business: Minuets from September's meeting were presented on screen, also available on wy7u.org.

Motion to approve August's minuets by John Aaron, second by Huie Hazlett Motion passes

Deferred Items:

Technician License Class / Exam

- November 8-9, 22-23, Exam on the 23rd [Sweetwater County Justice Center]
- Poster Design was presented, no changes were suggested.
- Online Registration Process, fairly simple, have one signed up already.
- Fees None to take the course, may have a fee for the test. They will just need to purchase a book.
- VE's Mike Hill, Brian Roberts and Rick Breininger [All three are Extra Licensed & VE's]

Next Steps:

Zach Gunyan –

Obtain Lesson Materials from Rick

Confirm VE's

Advertising:

ARRL - Reach out to Wyoming Section Manager for advertising Facebook, QST, Sheriff's Office PIO, SweetwaterNow, Wyo4News, Green River Star, KSL Advertising



Deferred Items (Continued):

Alternative Communications Plan:

- Background: Over the summer, during one of the Net's both the .94 and .61 Repeaters were both down. Lightning hit the structure that houses the repeaters and took the entire building offline. As a result, there were no repeaters for the net. We ended up developing a different plan, and was able to host the net on the 444.500 Repeater (N7ABC). The goal here was to have a more solid plan instead of coming up with something on the fly.
- Draft Communications Plan
 - o VHF Primary 146.940 Repeater,
 - VHF Secondary 444.500 Repeater,
 - VHF Third 146.610,
 - $\circ~$ VHF Fourth announced on 146.520 and host net on 146.400
 - HF 3.9235 MHz
 - HF 7.2500 MHz
- Next Step Simulated Test
 - Want to pass a message from north of Rock Springs to Green River, utilizing Simplex Frequencies.
 - November 16, 2024 2:00 pm
 - Ron Bruderer from his House
 - John Aaron at WWCC Water Tower
 - Huie Hazlett at Purple Sage Road
 - Ryan Rumph at Green River WWCC Campus
 - Zach Gunyan at 180 Exit 83 (Labarge Exit)

New Business:

Donation – Billy Lew, KF7HIL

- Fiberglass mast has been donated to the club. Need volunteer to test this mast and see if anything is needed to ensure ability to deploy reliably.
- No Volunteers come forward, wish to see at next meeting.

Nomination Committee

- John Aaron & Doris Haskell will present their nominations at the November Meeting
- This would allow voting members to cast their vote in December

New Business (Continued):

Christmas / New Years Dinner & White Elephant Event

- Previous Year was at China Garden in Green River
 - Doris room was small, but could hear each other.
- Alternative locations to be decided at November meeting:
 - o China Garden
 - o Santa Fe
 - o Old Chicago
 - Sian King
 - Doris is going to check these locations out and report back. No budget was allocated

Round Table

Doris Haskell –

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-Presented Check List for Emergency Preparedness. List could be made copied just let

Doris know if you would like a copy.

-Also recommended joining the Facebook group "Ham Radio"

Jesse Moreno –

- -New Emergency Coordinator
- -Introduced himself

Emergency Station

-No station location dedicated to purpose

- -CERT Trailer and Antenna Tower Trailer (Portable)
- SET Report
 - Saturday (10/5/24) a SET was conducted, purpose was to establish as many contacts as possible. Utilized HF Frequencies 7.250, 14.250, VHF/UHF 146.520, 146.940, Wilkins DMR Repeater, WyoLink.
 - Established contact with Central Dispatch on two channels, attempted to contact National Weather Service over P25, had a couple issues.
 - More than 25 contacts were made during the event, map was presented showing contact locations.

Upcoming Events:

Tech Class November 8-9th Holiday Party January 11th November 16th Simplex Test

Next meeting:

November 12, 2024 6:30pm – Green River Fire Station (Shoshone Ave) , Green River WY

Adjournment – 19:46

Motion to adjourn by John Arron, Second by Doris Haskell *Motion passed*