

Quarter Century Wireless Association
Beaver State Chapter 108
Annual Meeting

4 December 2023 1100 – 1330
Westside Pacific Family Restaurant and Saloon
670 S Pacific Hwy W
Rickreall, OR 97371

Meeting Minutes.

Members arrived starting at 1100. Meeting commenced at roughly 1135 which was 25 minutes early, final member arriving at 1200.

Members present:

Keith Price, N7SLN
Howard Honig, WB7OK (Director)
Steve Stapleton, W7IK
Pat Roberson, W7PAT (Vice President)
David Hackleman, W7QH (President)
Chuck Austin (W7LBV)
Dee Lynch (K7JRB)
(Mike Hurley (KG7BF) Secretary/Treasurer was not present due to illness.
Mike sent a brief report about the treasury and his positions on the matters to be covered.)

Financial Update:

Our chapter is financially sound. Dave Martin (W6KOW, SK) left his amateur radio equipment to our chapter and through the work of several members, especially Steve W7IK, the majority of Dave's equipment has now been sold via QRZ.com and swap-meets to other happy owners and the funds in excess of \$4000 have been placed in our club account. In June, 2023, we donated \$500 to the QCWA scholarship fund (an action item from our last meeting of December 4, 2022). The treasurer recommends we keep Dues at \$10/year for 2024.

Reports during meeting:

Equipment Sales:

Steve W7IK reported that the sales of Dave Martin Equipment went well using the QRZ.com site. The fact that we have our website and associated information helped the purchasers be confident that the equipment was authentic and the transactions safe and secure. Yet to sell is an ICOM 730 that Lew Holt (W7AAI) donated to the club. Steve has been refurbishing it and has posted it on QRZ.com. At this point, only some minor components of the Dave Martin (W6KOW) estate remain to be sold except for one major piece which we need to first refurbish and then decide on its destiny. That is a SteppIR® three element 20-6 m beam and associated controller and rotor. We removed the antenna from Dave's home in June of 2023 and it is now stored in a pole barn at the home of David (W7QH).

Club Station:

At our last meeting in 2022, we discussed assembling a remote club station. During this year, on our weekly 80m net on 3860KHz LSB, we continued discussing and planning the station. At this point, the objective is that it will be for use by all members of Chapter 108 after they are trained in and consider themselves competent in its operation. A site was chosen, the hilltop site on property owned by David (W7QH) in Benton County, Oregon. Many of us have been devoting time and resources to this project all year. Dee (K7JRB) has developed a wire antenna that he calls a "modified bow tie" for the station and tested it. Operation has been demonstrated effective on all HF bands 80 meters and higher. In addition, David (W7QH) is donating a HyGain Hy-Tower for the station, and Steve (W7IK) is refurbishing it for us. The concrete base with a copper pipe ground connection is in place, however the team feels some ground radials may need to be installed. We also approved the allocation of an additional \$1000 from our funds for the remaining miscellaneous items that might need to be purchased to complete the station. Network connection is via a 5GHz line of sight link.

Officers:

Officers serve a one year term. All current officers were willing to continue and were voted in by unanimous consent. Not present were Mike (Secretary/Treasurer) who conveyed willingness to continue in the position unless another wished to be elected. Armand (director) was also not present.

Dues:

Dues for 2024 were collected from all present. \$70.00 will be forwarded to the Secretary/Treasurer.

Next Annual Meeting:

Reserved: Monday, December 2, 2024 at Westside Pacific Family Restaurant and Saloon.

Voted and approved:

- The acquisition of a club station license and confirmed. Steve (W7IK) to be the trustee with backup (vice-trustee) to be Keith (N7SLN). Vote was unanimous.
- Keith, with his network and amateur radio expertise recommended we purchase a FlexRadio 6400 to be our station as it is a proven design that enables remote operation. We voted a confirmed approval of the purchase of the FlexRadio 6400. Flex gave our club a significant discount. (Unanimous).
- Officers re-elected to positions. (Unanimous)

- Continuation of Dues at \$10/year. (Unanimous)
- A donation to the QCWA Scholarship fund in 2024 for \$500 (Unanimous)

Minutes respectfully submitted by David, W7QH 12/5/2023