



Cowlitz County Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS)
 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting Wednesday 7 February 2024

Attendance

Butch - AE7KJ	Connie - KB7AYY	Earl - N3EG	Jeff - KB7PMO
Jeff - KJ6ETR	Mike - KI7MPV	Ralph - N2RJR	Ray - KC7MRM
Rick - WA7NWM	Rick - WA7RPM		

Call to Order: 1900

Correspondence

- None

Officers Report

- *President: Butch (AE7KJ) None*
- *Vice Pres: Rick (WA7NWN) None*
- *Secretary: Jeff (KJ6ETR) None*
- *Treasurer: Ralph (N2RJR) We were promised money from RIZAD. We ended up with a nice amount. The new drones cost about \$12,000. We are in good shape. The RIZAD expects us to spend the money, not save it.*
- *Trustee: Butch (AE7KJ) Fusion repeater locked up. Rick took care of it quickly.*

Old Business

January minutes: read and approved

New drone discussion. They are capable of live streaming. The drones are being tested and the streaming works well.

SAR group is still working on getting two members certified to teach First Aid/CPR. They are also taking the course to train more trainers.

The new 147.26 antenna is working great. A contact was made as far as Shelton.

Butch and Ralph were invited to Ryderwood for a DEM meeting up there. One of the hams was able to contact 147.26 repeater.

New Business

Training for the next year:

- Butch would like to find out if the ELT program should be continued.
- Jim Peters, Butch and Ralph looking into mock search this spring. With enough people we can do comms and drones, esp. if the dive team participates.

For the Good of the Order

Comm Van check:

- Trans fluid low. Ray reported it, but the motor pool says it's not a problem. Still looks like an issue.
- Charging voltage is high (16.2v). Bad for the battery. But at the battery it's 14.1v. Ray will ask for permission to have the electrical system looked at.

Adjourned: 1929

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff (KJ6ETR)
Secretary