

Let's get together
Thursday, Echolink node 286905
at 7:30 p.m
Friday, 3.812 at 8:30 a.m.



Summer 2019 Newsletter

From the President



I've been working in my garden and enjoying the weather. Lots of strawberries and blueberries to eat this year and my plants are doing well. I grow everything in pots on my deck which keeps the slugs out of them. My Hydrangea plant is really growing and blooming this year.

My OM had a bit of bad luck with his health which has left me doing some nursing duties. He is recovering from a torn bicep muscle in his left arm and can't do a lot of lifting or twisting without pain; and he just recovered from an eye condition which left him unable to see out of his left eye for a week. His eye is fully recovered now; but his arm is still improving slowly and will take some time.

I haven't been on the air for a while, but I still monitor sometimes. Summer is half-way over and I'm still spring-cleaning! So much clutter to throw away! I'm hoping to sew my costume for Halloween this year since I bought the materials years ago. So many distractions and I admit Netflix and YouTube are in there too. Hee! Hee!

73's and 33's everyone
Vanessa McCoy, KE7UBB

Welcome New Members

Please welcome the following new members:

W7SAF—Shirley Fenstermaker

KI7MEO—Martha Todd

KJ7CXY—Katie Neubauer

MINOW Meeting Minutes May 4, 2019

Attendees:

Marilyn Melhorn, AF7BI
Robin Resnick, KJ7BI
Barbara Yasson, AC7UH
Shirley Fenstermaker, W7SAF

Kathleen Neubauer, KJ7CXY
Vanessa McCoy, KE7UBB
Martha Todd, KI7MEO
Margaret Hardwick, AE7MB

Meeting called to order by President Vanessa, KE7UBB, at 2:09 p.m., then greeted the attendees.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Since there were no Silent Keys this year, no moment of silence was held.

Reports:

President: It would be nice if more members could attend, but we realize that health and distance can be an issue.

Results of the election. Barbara, AC7UH, reported that 8 ballots were returned and that the votes were overwhelmingly for Vanessa, KE7UBB, as President; Marilyn, AF7MM, as Vice-President; and Margaret, AE7MB, as Secretary/Treasurer.

Vice President: Barbara, Margaret, and Marilyn have been working on the rewrite of the Constitution and Marilyn and Barbara went over the changes with Vanessa.

Marilyn is giving up the Sunshine Chair to Claudia Doyle, KL0HI.

Marilyn has changed her call sign to AF7MM.

Marilyn presented the YLRL "Affiliated Club Certificate" to MINOW.

Secretary/Treasurer: Margaret, AE7MB, presented the Treasurer's Report, which shows that we have \$411.70 in the Savings Account and \$139.77 in the checking account.

A question was asked about what the "Initiation" fee was. The answer is that it covers setting up the new member, her badge, and her first year dues.

A question was asked about what constitutes "Donations". The answer is that it is the silent auction and any additional monies that a member chooses to give to the organization.

Margaret, AE7MB presented the Minutes for the 2018 meeting.

Barbara, AC7UH, asked about the cost of the Website. The answer is that last year we paid \$87 for a two year term. The term will be ending around the end of this year.

Barbara, AC7UH, moved that we accept the Minutes from the 2018 meeting. Marilyn, AF7MM seconded the motion. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.

Robin, KJ7BI, moved that we accept the Treasurer's report, Barbara seconded the motion. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.

Sunshine Chair: Claudia, KL0HI, is the new Sunshine Chair effective at the end of the meeting.

Certificate Custodian Report: No certificates were issued this year.

Badgemaker Report: No report.

Marilyn, AF7MM, would like to modernize the badges.

Membership Report: We currently have 30 members. Kathleen (Katie), KJ7CXY, is newest member, also Martha Todd, KI7MEO, and Shirley Fenstermaker, W7SAF. Kathleen, KJ7CXY, noted that her email address is incorrect in the member directory. Margaret, AE7MB, will fix it before publishing the new directory page.

Nets: Thursday evening Echolink net is active and has 3 to 6 participants.

Friday morning HF net is active and has 2 to 4 participants.

Web Mistress Report: No report.

Communications: No report.

Old Business: We noted how nice the website looks. Kudos to CJ.

New Business:

The Constitution rewrite:

Marilyn, AF7MM; Barbara, AC7UH; and Margaret, AE7MB, spent quite a bit of time over the prior year educating ourselves on Constitutions and Bylaws and going over our current Constitution. We have concluded that a Bylaws document is a better choice for our organization.

Margaret, AE7MB, feels that this is such an important project that everyone should have a chance to vote, not just those members who are able to come to the meeting. She proposes that a third newsletter be issued in late summer and have the ballot to approve the new Bylaws appear in that.

Discussion continued until everyone understood the new document and understood the reasons for the new document.

New Badge design:

Marilyn, AF7MM, suggested that we should update the name badges. She feels that the MINOW design is a bit dated. A long discussion ensued.

Suggestions included:

1. Change to a laminated name badge similar to ones that are sold at hamfairs.
2. Have a design competition similar to the annual SeaPac pin.

Blueback submarine at OMSI:

Marilyn, AF7MM, thought it would be fun to visit and possibly transmit. She will get back to us.

Membership Directory:

Margaret asked if we wanted to continue the 4"x6" format or change to a 8.5"x11" format. A vote was taken and it was unanimous to change to 8.5"x11".

Next luncheon date: September 28 at 11:30 a.m. at Applebee's in Salmon Creek.

Next Year's Invitation: Next year's meeting will be Saturday May 2 at 1:30 pm. Barbara, AC7UH, volunteered to hold the meeting at her house.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m. A gift exchange and silent auction occurred after the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Margaret Hardwick, AE7MB

Proposed New Constitution/By-Laws

As noted in the Minutes of the May 4, 2019, Meeting, a committee was formed to take a look at updating/refreshing our Constitution. In doing so, we realized that for our organization a set of By-Laws was most appropriate. Below is the document that we propose to put before the membership to vote upon as our new organization document.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments please contact:

Barbara Yasson, AC7UH, at ac7uh@arrl.net

Marilyn Melhorn, AF7BI (now AF7MM), at af7mm19@gmail.com

Margaret Hardwick, AE7MB, at ae7mb@arrl.net.

MINOW BYLAWS

ARTICLE I: The name of this organization shall be the MINOW NET.

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

- (A) To advance the knowledge, both locally and nationally, of the contributions provided by Women Amateur Radio Operators in the science of communications and good will.
- (B) To provide communications facilities in the event of emergencies and to coordinate such services with the existing governmental or private facilities.
- (C) To promote friendship for the purpose of wider scope participation.

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS

- (A) Officers shall be President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer.
- (B) The three Officers, along with the immediate Past President, Permanent Certificate Custodian and MINOW NET Control, will constitute the "Executive Committee". The Past President is a non-voting member of the Executive Committee. A simple majority will suffice.

ARTICLE IV: ELECTIONS

- A) A Nominating Committee, consisting of two members, who are not planning to run for

elective office, shall be created by the President at least nine (9) months before the next election of officers.

- (B) Elections of officers shall be conducted by mail or e-mail, every two (2) years in April, by the Secretary. Ballots shall be returned directly to the “Nominating Committee”, not to the Secretary. Officers elected will serve two (2) full calendar years beginning May first. In the event of a vacancy, the President shall appoint an *Active* Member to fill the vacated position for the balance of the term. There shall be no limit on the number of terms which may be served by any one member, but occupancy of the Offices of President and Vice President shall be limited to two consecutive terms.

ARTICLE V: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- (A) The President shall be responsible for MINOW NET activities including appointment of MINOW NET Control and setting up MINOW NET meeting times and frequencies. She shall also be responsible for filling vacated committee positions by appointment, shall appoint standing or interim committees as the need may arise, and shall preside at all official meetings and/or conventions of the MINOW NET.
- (B) The Vice-President shall assume all duties of the President in her absence. She will assist the President and handle work not otherwise assigned. She shall also be Historian for her term of office.
- (C) The Secretary/Treasurer is authorized to collect and hold all monies coming to the MINOW NET such as entry fees, dues, donations, and so forth. She is authorized to expend whatever funds are required to handle normal and routine MINOW NET business and to pay out funds authorized by the Executive Committee. The Secretary/

/Treasurer shall furnish a financial report annually on April 30, to the President, or at any time requested by the Executive Committee.

(D) The Certificate Custodian is authorized to collect all Certificate Fees and disperse such Certificates in an economical manner. She shall also keep a complete record of MINOW certificates awarded. The Certificate Custodian shall file with the Secretary/Treasurer a financial statement on November 1 and April 30th each year, or at any time requested by the Secretary/Treasurer.

(E) A Publicity Chairman shall be appointed by the President. The Publicity Chairman shall be responsible for MINOW NET publicity particularly with “QST”, “YLRL Harmonics”, and other venues, including the internet, as she deems appropriate.

(F) A Web Mistress shall be appointed by the President. The Web Mistress shall be responsible for the MINOW NET’s website including administration and content.

(G) A Net Control shall be appointed by the President. The Net Control will be responsible for initiating net operations, maintain order, direct the net activities, and then terminate net operations in an orderly way. She may appoint a member to fulfill these requirements on an interim basis.

(H) All officers shall serve without compensation in any form. This shall not preclude reimbursement of necessary expenses incurred in the conduct of their respective offices and approved by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI: MEMBERSHIP

(A) Active membership shall be open to all bona-fide YL’s of the 7th Call Area who hold an Amateur License of any class.

- (B) Associate membership may be extended to Active members leaving the 7th Call Area who wish to pay dues and maintain their membership.
- (C) Honorary membership may be conferred upon any person with approval of the majority of MINOW NET officers.
- (D) Voting privileges shall be retained by Active Members only. Active members may vote in absentia.

ARTICLE VII: DUES and FEES

- (A) The Annual Dues shall be payable May 1 and delinquent June 1, each year.
- (B) An Initiation Fee shall be assessed when a member first joins the MINOW NET.
- (C) The Executive Committee shall set the amount of Initiation Fees and Annual Dues.
Any changes in the Initiation Fee, Annual Dues, or Prepayment Policy shall be presented to the membership for a vote by a mail or e-mail ballot. A simple majority of voters, who voted, shall be needed to pass the proposed change(s). Ballots shall be returned to the Vice-President.
- (D) Results of the balloting shall appear in the next issue of the MINOW Newsletter.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS

- (A) Amendments or additions to these BYLAWS must be proposed in writing to the Executive Committee by at least three (3) ACTIVE members.
- (B) Proposals received will be submitted to the ACTIVE Membership for vote and a majority affirmative vote is required to make any amendments and additions to the BYLAWS.

ARTICLE IX: MEETINGS

- (A) The President shall call an Annual Meeting in May of each year prior to the 15th of May. The date, time, and place of this meeting shall be sent to all members via e-mail or mail at least 28 days prior to the meeting.
- (B) The purpose of this meeting will be to install any newly elected officers, bring members up-to-date on activities, and provide fellowship.
- (C) The meeting immediately after the election of officers shall be presided by the out-going President.

ARTICLE X: AWARDS

This MINOW NET shall sponsor a Certificate for working MINOW NET members. Rules and certification of this award shall be determined by the AWARD Committee under the office of the first AWARD chairman and her committee appointed by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XI: CHARTER MEMBERS

All active and associate Members on record as of September 1, 1963 shall be Charter Members of the MINOW NET.

Approved by the membership on:

MINOW Net

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