

**Let's get together**

**Thursday, Echolink node 286905  
at 7:30 p.m**

**Friday, 3.812 at 8:30 a.m.**

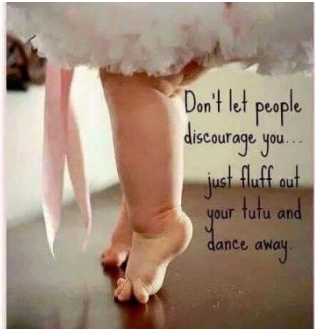


**Spring 2020 Newsletter**

**From the President**



**HAVE A PLEASANT  
SPRING AND STAY SAFE  
IN 2020**



Hope you are all safe and doing well during this time of the pandemic. I've been making face-masks for the family and doing some spring-cleaning. My OM has been laid off for a few weeks and he's bored; which means I'm interrupted regularly to find this and that all day. He has been using our new "Instant Pot" to make stews and he does a good job too! The weather has been nicer lately and the Trager smoker has had meat smoking in it a few times for dinner as well. I like not having to plan and make dinner all the time and Pat enjoys experimenting with new recipes.

I started watching wildlife video-cams on YouTube and really enjoyed them, so my OM and I have been setting up our Bushnell Trophy Cam in the backyard this spring to capture videos of any visitors. So far we have a possum, a raccoon with half its tail missing, three normal raccoons, and three neighborhood cats who regularly visit us. It's fun and entertaining to see what goes on when we aren't outside.

Thursday night, April 9, my son invited me to come look up at the sky and see the bright light. He wasn't sure what it was so I brought out my phone app. "Sky Map" and held it up in that direction. The picture showed that the bright light was the planet Venus. We stood there looking up at the stars in wonder. The air was the warmest so far this year and it was pleasant outside in the backyard. The blossoms are coming out (and allergies), and the grass needed to be mowed for the first time this year. Spring has sprung!

We are looking into conference calling software and my OM and I had a mini-conference to test-the-waters and see how it worked and what we thought. Margaret will be letting you know which program, time and date for our MINOW Net meeting coming up real soon. Hope you can all join us.

Vanessa McCoy, KE7UBB  
2019-2021 MINOW Net President  
73's and 33's to all!

# Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will start at 1:30 pm on Saturday May 2, 2020  
using Zoom

Marilyn M is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: MINOW Club Mtg  
Time: May 2, 2020 01:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID:  
Password:

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We will have a practice session for those who are unfamiliar with Zoom to make sure you are  
set up properly

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Topic: MINOW Club Mtg  
Time: April 30, 2020 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID:  
Password:

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To download and install the Zoom Application:

Go to <https://zoom.us/download> and from the Download Center,  
*click* on the **Download** button under “Zoom Client For Meetings”.

- This application will automatically download when you start your first Zoom Meeting.

Once the download is complete, *proceed* with **installing** the Zoom application onto your computer.

MINOW ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
MAY 2, 2020  
AGENDA

Welcome – Vanessa McCoy, KE7UBB

Pledge of Allegiance – OPEN

Moment of Silence (ask for known Silent Keys throughout the past year) -Vanessa McCoy, KE7UBB

President’s Report	– Vanessa McCoy, KE7UBB (welcome new members)
Vice-Presidents Report	– Marilyn Melhorn, AF7BI
Secretary / Treasurer’s Report	– Margaret Hardwick, AE7MB
Sunshine Chair Report	– Claudia Doyle, KL0HI
Certificate Custodian Report	– Robin Resnick, KJ7BI
Badge Maker Report	– Claudia Doyle, KL0HI
Web Mistress Report	– CJ Stevens, K7CJS
Membership Report	– Margaret Hardwick, AE7MB
Net Control	– Margaret Hardwick, AE7MB
Communications –	

Old Business –

New Business –

1. Publicity Chairman
2. Elections in 2021.
  - a. Nominating committee assignment
  - b. President position needs a running candidate
  - c. Vice-President position needs a running candidate
  - d. Secretary/Treasurer position
3. New digitized logo for plastic badges.
  - a. Membership is invited to submit new logo art.
  - b. From ideas submitted we will hold a vote on which one is best.
  - c. New plastic badges with holders will be made for all members.
4. Next luncheon—where and when.

Next Year’s Invitation – May 1, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. – location TBD

Many thanks to everyone who helped get this meeting together!

Adjournment

# MINOW FINANCIAL REPORT

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Checking Account	Beginning Balance		139.77
Income:	Donations	77.00	
	Dues	7.00	
	Initiation	10.00	
	Total Income		94.00
Expenses:			
	YLRL Dues (1 DX member)	15.00	
	Innovation Hosting (2 years)	191.76	
	Total Expenses		206.76
Ending Balance			27.01
Savings Account	Beginning Balance		411.70
Ending Balance	Interest Income	0.04	411.74

Savings: \$411.74  
Checking 27.01  
\$438.75

Margaret Hardwick,  
AE7MB

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## **Board Meeting Minutes**

April 18, 2020

Meeting was on Zoom Video Conferencing

Attendees: President Vanessa, KE7UBB  
Vice-President Marilyn, AF7BI  
Secretary/Treasurer Margaret, AE7MB

The meeting started out as a Zoom training session to make sure the three of us know how to use it. However, it soon turned into discussing MINOW business.

New Logo – Marilyn brought up the proposal for a new MINOW logo. She doesn't want to see the current logo go away, but felt that our name badges were a bit 1960ish. The person who does the membership badges for the Clark County Amateur Radio Club, can print a standard badge that is about the size of a credit card and is plastic. He charges about \$5 per badge to the radio club and is willing to do the same for us. We can have the badge in either a vertical or horizontal orientation, include name and call sign, and a logo. It was suggested that we have a contest among the members to come up with a logo for the name badges.

Zoom Training – we will have Zoom training for the MINOW membership on Thursday, April 30 at 6:00 pm PDT. An invitation will be sent out shortly with all the details.

Meeting – our annual meeting will be on May 2 at 1:30 pm PDT on Zoom. It will be recorded and a link will be sent out for anyone to watch it if they want, and then the discussion on having the dues change sometime next year.

We closed the meeting at 11:59 am. PDT

# **In Memorium**

It is with great sadness to report that Diane Murdock, W7LQV, passed away on January 2, 2020.

# Dues Are Due May 1

Dues are due on May 1 of each year and delinquent on June 1 of that year.

If you are on the list below of members, who have not paid their 2020 dues.

Your dues of \$1.00 per year for the 2020/2021 year are due on May 1, 2020 and delinquent on June 1, 2021.

The following members have not paid their 2021 dues:



If your name is on the list, please send your dues to:

Margaret Hardwick  
MINOW Secretary-Treasurer

If your records disagree with mine, please contact me and I will research the issue.

## Member News

From **Jessica, W7EMF**: I actually have news this time! In the last few months, I finally upgraded to Extra and then immediately filled out my test to become an ARRL VE. I got my card two weeks ago, hooked up with the Seattle Laurel VE Team and will be helping them out with their monthly exam sessions. If anyone in the Seattle area is looking for a test session the SVET offers a test every third Monday of the month at 7pm at Ada's Technical Books. Cheers!

From **Claudia, KL0HI**: Hello YLs. It's been forever since I've been in touch and so much has happened especially in Anchorage, AK, where they had a major earthquake and still getting aftershocks of 5.2. My one friend's house has major structure and sewer problems that can't be fixed until all of the snow is gone, so she is very nervous with every aftershock that rolls in. She says they are lucky because some folks have yet to move back into their homes. Prayers for all those who experienced damage from the quake... Down here in Brookings we had snow the other day. It stayed about 30 minutes and that was great... looked pretty coming down and even prettier melting... Had a wonderful Christmas with grandson KL2MD and great-granddaughter (6 years old), who has enough energy I could live for a year! She made me tired just watching her as at that age they don't walk, just run, dance, jump, skip, etc. She did love the Dollar Tree Store... so does Great Grandma. Not much radio news. I still can't hear Alaska Preparedness Net on 20m. Two meters is the only radio we have that works. hihi We will be heading north early this year as our granddaughter, KL4DG, graduates from UAA (University of Alaska Anchorage) on May 5th and another granddaughter graduates from high school at the end of May. Hope everyone has a great summer and stays healthy.

From **Barbara, KI7BR**: It has been an enjoyable, productive season. I'm back on HF with a new antenna, studying CW, and preparing to serve as one of the instructors for two classes (tech and general) for people studying for their amateur radio licensing exams soon. Otherwise, keeping busy with work and serving as net control on a small community net as well as on our OTVARC club net and the Worldwide Friendship Net. 33 to all!

From **Robin, KJ7BI**: Good afternoon, YLs. I know that many of you are experiencing a genuine "cold snap." (Today is February 2.) Some of us, I refer to those of us that live in America's NW region, are getting ready for our share of the cold which will arrive at the beginning of the week. I keep waiting for something adverse and weather related to happen to my antennae, but I suppose that I am extremely favored by the Amateur Radio Gods. This past Thursday evening, I joined the MINOW (Montana, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon and Washington) EchoLink Net for the first time in quite a long while. I was excited to meet a new YL on the net, at least new to me, and to catch up with the others. I used to be on this net quite often, but currently the net conflicts with other interests. This past Thursday evening, however, I was free as a bird so onto Echolink I went! I had been feeling a tad lonely, with Stephen back in rehab, so popping onto this particular net was just what I needed. The general size of this net lends itself to intimacy. All YLs are welcome and you will find acceptance among other things! (Portland, OR, along with the entire NW, is experiencing its share of **COLD**. The nights have been in the high teens and low 20s and my pond froze solid! Some of you are feeling conditions far more severe than ours, but "glacial" is not in a Portlander's vocabulary.)

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