

Oregon Emergency Net On-Air Board Meeting

December 20, 2023

Meeting Notes

Greetings,

Here are some notes from last evening's on-air OEN Board Meeting.

1. Board members attending:
 - a. AE7CJ John, W7EV Eric, WAJAW Joe, KB7DS Debbie, KD7HB Paul, K7RDP John, AA7JS Joe, W7WVF Dan, AF7LB Matt
 - b. All Directors attended, so there was a quorum.
2. Officers and others who checked in:
 - a. W7HLR Larry, K7PCJ Bob, KM7DEW Dewey, N7HEX Jagur, W7DPS Harold, NW7T Jerrold, KA6WYX Jerry, K7SNX Mike
3. Larry, W7HLR, will stay on as Net Secretary since there have been no other volunteers.
4. Joe reminded all that we need more volunteers to be relays.
5. Paul, KD7HB has some worsening voice issues and will need to retire as an "extended" (entire net) relay as of the end of December. However, he will still step in when he hears someone who doesn't get acknowledged. Many thanks to Paul for his dedicated service over the years. Bob, K7PCJ expressed the concern that we all feel with this news. We have some very big shoes to fill here. Please reconsider helping out as a relay!
6. John AE7CJ is willing to switch nights with another existing net control or potential net control who would prefer John's Sunday night slot. He is also willing to be a fill-in net control if he is available. We still need more alternate net controls, so please consider giving it a try.
7. Harold, W7DPS was approved (informally) by the Board to take over web master duties from Verne, K7UGS who has health issues. Joe, AA7JS will manage the transition with Harold, Vern, and Mark, KA7FHA (website host and registrar). Joe will also purchase a copy of the same software that Harold will use so that he can learn the system and be a backup for Harold. Feedback on Harold's first draft of the website home page was positive. Eric suggested some font and color changes. Eric also suggested that we "be kind" to the webmaster. They take some undeserved flack as Eric knows from his direct experience as a webmaster. Larry suggested an expedited implementation with the idea that detail enhancements could occur over the coming months. Harold is also willing to host the site on his servers if it is necessary. Big thanks to Harold for stepping up on this

project! This will go a long way in getting regular roster and other information into the hands of a wider audience.

8. Joe, AA7JS sent his thanks to net controls for the work that you do week after week and for getting net reports in by the end of the month. We haven't needed to "go dark" for quite some time.
9. John, K7RDP, spoke about admiration well earned by Paul and the Net controls. The OEN Net is "family" to some folks and should be revered as such.
10. Dewey, KM7DEW thanked all for being supportive of his efforts to take over Tuesday night net control. Thanks, Dewey for stepping up!
11. Dan, W7WVF, made a big thank you to Joe as Net Operations Manager, and to Debbie for great work as the Net Data Base Manager.

As always, please send corrections and additions to me.

Regards & 73's,

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Net Secretary

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