

Greetings,

4/6/2022

Below are notes and conclusions from last evening's meeting. All board members and officers were present. Thanks all for your participation. Corrections and additions welcome.

OEN Board & Business Meeting Notes

April 6, 2022

1. Are CW checkins allowed? There seems to be some conflicting information.
 - a. CW is of significant value and tradition during poor band conditions and emergencies
 - b. Large majority in favor of continuing to allow
 - c. As not all net controls can copy CW, willing & able relay stations may need to help
 - d. Operating guidelines to be modified to confirm decision
 - e. As a side note, please discourage negative comments about non-CW users unless you're willing to willing accept same for lacking digital, computer, and later technology skills
2. Status of picnic and get together plans for this year.
 - a. Annual picnic at Crooked River Ranch still on for August 13th
 - b. Honorarium & Picnic for Ruth K7RFO confirmed for July 16th, 2:00 PM in Klamath Falls
3. Are there conflicting ham group gatherings in August?
 - a. None known
4. Keep early checkin procedure or not?
 - a. Process working well, data supports likely increase in checkins as a result
 - b. Large majority in favor of keeping current process as-is for now
 - c. Net controls should continue to remind late, missed, and earlies to wait for the breaks
 - d. Decision to keep taking emergency gear checkins during beginning of net
 - e. Proposal made to differentiate limited battery backup from generator power checkins during roll call
 - f. Board members should send me a vote on whether to make above change
5. When should we hold elections this year?
 - a. Will be held in the Fall, likely September
 - b. Vern, K6UGS, will add Joe, WA7JAW to the webpage "Elections" page for 2022
6. The Netter – Any volunteers to restart and publish The Netter?
 - a. Although the Netter was much enjoyed, there were no volunteers to take it on

7. Do you use the "Roster by suffix" listing on the OEN website? Why? How often?
 - a. There is only occasional use of the file by limited number of members
 - b. Mostly used to just check or confirm city location
 - c. Primary use by Net Manager as a form of master file
 - d. Mark, KA7FHA, has recently made the webpage file searchable
8. Same question for the Silent Key and Certificate files.
 - a. Even less occasional use
 - b. Used for historical information retrieval
 - c. Considered to be valuable history
9. Other
 - a. Vern, K6UGS, reported he has nearly completed the major website update
 - b. Fred, ND7V, reported that the bank account remains at about \$1,733.

Regards & 73's From W7HLR,

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