

## Oregon Emergency Net On-Air Board Meeting

March 29, 2023

Meeting Notes

Following are notes from last evening's OEN meeting.

Directors attending: John AE7CJ, Joe AA7JS, Debbie KB7DS, Eric W7EV, Paul KD7HB, Dan W7WVF

Directors absent: Joe WA7JAW, Matt AF7LB, Ruth K7RFO (SK)

Quorum Requirement: Met

Other Officers attending: Larry W7HLR, Fred ND7V

Other members attending: Max KJ7FEE, Rich K7AKP, Jeff AB7JW, Rick AI7JN, Bob K7PCJ

-John opened the meeting with greetings to all and encouragement for only brief comments

-Joe called for a moment of silence for Ruth K7RFO, may she rest in peace

-Fred, ND7V gave the Treasurer's report: Bank balance = \$1606.04

-After reviewing some annual picnic dates where members had conflicts, August 19, 2023 was set as the tentative date

-Several alternative picnic locations were suggested including Crooked River Ranch (Paul's place), Eugene/Cottage Grove area RV campgrounds, and the Central Oregon Coast RV parks. There seemed to be a majority in favor of Crooked River Ranch.

-Additional suggestions were made to eliminate the Board Meeting at the picnic, and to add a tailgate swap meet

-Joe will consider the picnic alternatives, discuss with others, and announce the final plan

-Joe will write to net controls and ask that they include announcements regarding need for relays, net controls, and alternates in their net.

-It was also suggested that Net controls ask specific people who check in on their net to call for late, missed, or early check-ins at the next break and/or call a few cities in the roll as a quick low-pressure practice and to ease them into a regular role. Just call a few cities, or other late check-ins, repeat the calls, and turn it back to net control. This baby step seems to fairly successful and can be coupled with asking for general volunteers.

-Rich K7AKP volunteered to be an alternate net control (I could be mistaken on this)

-Fred ND7V and Rick AI7JN expressed interest in being a replacement Board Member in Ruth's place. Neither one would be able to do extensive travel. Since Fred is located in the SE Oregon quadrant, the Board approved his appointment as Board Member until the September elections, at which time he can stand for election if he so chooses. Thank you, Fred! You have served the net for many years now.

-There was a call for comments regarding a complaint about the new guideline for announcing breaks (avoid using "through Klamath Falls" but say the city name where the break occurs). There was a request to return the old wording, but Joe ruled that we would not do that because of the confusion it creates.

Note: I don't see a quadrant map on the OEN website to used for elections, so I suggest the attached be added to the website along with these meeting notes.

I'd also like to reiterate a request that Ruth had made which was to have an on-air Board meeting every couple of months or so.

Please send me any changes, additions, or corrections.

Regards & 73's,  
Larry Ross Hiatt W7HLR  
Interim Net Secretary  
The Oregon Emergency Net