

Radio Society of Tucson Club Meeting 09/11/2018

President Mike Boger W7IJ called Meeting to order at 7:00 pm announcing that we are here at Golden Corral due to Villa Capri being remodeled, we are not sure how long this will take. Our presentation tonight is about CWOps also known as CW Academy.

Bill Leahy K0MP and Quinton Gleasen NU7Y- conducted the presentation on CW Academy informing us about the curriculum and answered questions as well. CW out performs SSB by a large margin with current HF band conditions. We have two of our membership attending this semester of classes, Ryan and Max. It is an eight-week course with 3 semesters a year, using paddles only as it is easiest way to learn. It is an online video/audio conferencing program and there are 3 levels of study with the highest level being able to work at above 25 words per minute, compared to level 1 at above 10 wpm. Students learn CW at a rate of 20 wpm, with more coaching than teaching. It was stated that the best way to learn is to listen on the air. Learning code builds gray matter in the brain! There is an 80% completion rate with an average of 200 students per semester. For more information check out this website <https://cwops.org/cw-academy-2/>.

Meeting Business

President Mike Boger W7IJ – Term Limits-discussion prior to voting on this Amendment to the Constitution. It was stated again that the reason for Treasurer/Secretary positions not being part of the Term Limits was to ensure continuity in the Treasurer position. Gail moved to take a vote and Gary seconded it; the Amendment passed with one dissenting vote, Diane did not want to have further discussion on it. Life Membership-discussion prior to voting on this Amendment to the Constitution. The only life memberships available now are for the Founders, and are not technically Life Members this will correct that and allow for more people to be able to acquire, this also removes the verbiage that the Board of Directors with cause can have someone removed from the Club. Discussion was from Richard that there are two Life Memberships, one is bestowed by the BOD and is an honorary LM and there are no dues to be paid; the other is BOD can in its discretion set an amount and you can purchase a LM, so if you want to become a LM, you can buy in. There will be no refund of dues if you leave the Club. In the Constitution now, it says that the Board has the authority to remove members of the Club, we decided that we don't want to go there, as its never been that way and don't want to have a bloodletting. So far, we have never had that problem. Was stated by past President that it did happen when he was in office and the Board took a vote and gave him back all his things and told him he was out. Cary suggested that we separate out the verbiage regarding expelling members from the Club, it was decided to do line item vote for the three line items. Gail seconded the motion to vote for Honorary and paid Life Memberships only dissenting vote was Diane. How many people would like to leave in the current verbiage of expelling a member? Was a unanimous decision. Mike will not be running for President next month as he has not enough time, publicly thanked Gail Peterson for putting together a great program, and thanked Don Ernle, and Rosie for doing a bang-up job. Bruce, Dick, Richard, Gary and Chris were recognized for doing a great job. Gary and Richard will be running for Board positions, Dick and Bruce are Term Limited out. We will be looking for President, Vice President and the number of people running for Board positions will be the number of Positions we will have on the next election in October. If anyone is interested in running please get with Mike to get your name on the ballot. Carla and Dale will do us the honor of being our counters again this election, they do a bang-up job on this. This is

Mike's last meeting as President, Gail will be holding the reins next month as Mike will be at the world-wide meeting for work. If you enjoy the Club please think about being part of the Board.

Diane Zimmerman AA3OF - Laurel VE Liaison Testing- We had 7 applicants, 4 new Techs; 2 General; and one Extra, all passed.

Bill Clark K6WSC – QSO Party.org – Radio Society of Tucson is sponsoring the event on October 13 and 14th. K6LL a fellow Arizonan, prolific contester out of Yuma, has more than 1,600 QSOs for 2016 and also 2017. Also mentioned Southern Arizona DX Assoc., of which he is President, their next meeting is this Thursday and they will meet at Pinnacle Peak. All are welcome.

Don Ernle KD7UIZ – Fall Hamfest is the 29th (Saturday) of this month (September) at the Target Store, 9615 East Old Spanish Trail. It will start at 7 am with sellers being able to come in at 6 to set up, and finish up at 11 am. The generator is still available 60,000 wats and only used for 200 hours.

Bill Wilson AE7YQ – Days in the Park will be at Lincoln Park from 10-2pm

Cary Fishman WB2BSJ – The next Public Service event is El Tour of Tucson, please get with him if you need help. They had over 40 workers last year and need more this year. The route this year will be closer to Vail. Check out www.soazhamservice.net for all upcoming Public Service Events for Ham Radio and see what you might be interested in helping with.

Richard Schmidt K7NSW – Has been waiting all year to read this poem. And so, he read it, was great.

We had 4 visitors with us:

KZ0OBM Ed

KG700L Veda

WA7SKT Loren

KJ7ADI Sharee

Meeting was closed at 8:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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