

## **VOI Board Meeting December 5, 2018**

Members Present:

Doug Rich, W7DVR, President; Gordon Wilmoth, KI7CZR, VP; Larry Bickham, WA7ZZS, IPP; Tony Baca, WV7I, Treasurer; Steven Blanchard, KD7KKC, Sr. Dir.; Andrew Spencer, KE7FIY, Jr. Dir.; Tom Oswald, KD7VZW, Membership; Don Lynn, ND7L, Projects; Lisa Nelson, AK7WS, Tech Rep.; Bill Overton, KI7IFC, Secretary.

Meeting called to order by President Rich at 7:00 pm. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by the Board members present.

Don Lynn opened the ballot envelopes, separated the ballots and payments. Payments were handed to Tony and ballots were passed to Larry for count.

Doug reported that the owners of the War Eagle site have offered to let VOI install a temporary repeater on that site. It is not a Superfund site so there are no problems for meeting those special requirements. The site has been occupied by Gem State Communications and they are responsible for the cleanup of diesel spilled previously. The question was raised concerning any liability that might be assumed if we used the property. The property is apparently unused at present as the current owner (an older lady) has been unable to sell the property. Steven mentioned that the coverage to the east was lacking for this site.

Gordon questioned the transfer of liability. Don noted it is private property so BLM is not involved. However, Gem State is responsible for the fuel spill and for cleanup.

This would be a temporary site so it could be an incentive for raising money to transfer the equipment to Cinnabar. There will have to be a careful marketing campaign.

It was agreed to send the concept to the Tech Committee for exploration and investigation as to feasibility. The temporary site could give a boost to fundraising for maintaining the club's repeaters. The ideas will be presented to the general membership at the December 12 meeting as part of the State of the Club.

A goal amount for fundraising amount was discussed; the top amount of \$30,000.00 was considered. It was suggested to use cash on hand to start the project, if approved, with purchase of batteries and solar panels. This equipment could be transferred to the Cinnabar site at a later date.

Andrew and Doug recently visited with the people at the Snowbank repeater site. The parties there are satisfied with our presence but would like us to move outside their secured area. Doug asked about including additional equipment on the site and there was no objection. Steven mentioned that Lewiston/Latah County would be able to fund their equipment with monies they have set aside. Andrew noted that the club pays fees the Forest Service for use of the Snowbank site. We would have to let the Forest Service know what is added. The annual fee is the only obligation at this point. Tony will send the check to cover the lease of the Right Of Way.

Lisa is working on a site map of the Cinnabar site to present to BLM along with a report of progress.

Tom asked for concept ideas on design for a badge to sell for fundraising. This would be for donations dedicated to development of Cinnabar site and would be so designated on the badge. The idea was presented of having different levels of donation tracked as stickers for each level. The idea of special stickers for the different levels will be discussed via email.

VP Report: Mike Cline will report on his school's progress on their project at the December general membership meeting on 12-12-18. Results of the election of 2019 officers will be reported at club meeting by Larry as immediate past president. Larry has ordered the pizza and twists for the Christmas party. Tony will cover the reimbursement to Idaho Pizza.

Andrew had nothing further on Shafer 299s except that efforts are progressing.

Email coverage is still an issue; Lisa is working on an alternate system as a function of the Tech Committee. Lisa and Andrew promoted the system she is developing. She has discussed this with Jim Szatkowski [N9SKI](#) and he has agreed to work with her. A recipient will receive emails as private with Tech or Board items. A link can be put on the website to link interested parties; the proposal was approved by the Board to have Jim do this.

Don updated progress on election rules, constitution and by-law changes and indicated that efforts will continue through the next year.

Doug requested more information for the state of the club address at the general membership meeting on December 12. Comments and information are to be sent directly to him.

Andrew moved that Larry retain the ballots until February 1 and to destroy them at that time. This action was approved by the Board.

Tony presented Treasurer's report; copy attached.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm; next meeting will be at Cobby's on January 2, 2019, at 7:00 pm.

# Voice Of Idaho Treasury Report

5-Dec-18

Checking Balance	\$9,586.49
Savings Balance	\$8,012.43

Other funds	
PayPal	\$101.49
Cash	\$170.00
Un-deposited checks	

<u>Total Assets</u>	\$17,870.41
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Outstanding Obligations

<u>Total Debts</u>	\$0.00
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<u>Balance</u>	\$17,870.41
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	Spend	Budget	Remain
Tech Budget	\$1,681.61	\$2,500.00	\$818.39
VP Budget	\$606.08	\$1,500.00	\$893.92