

GALLATIN HAM RADIO CLUB (GHRC) JULY 2024 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: 7/11/24 7:00 PM

Attendees: Introductions of meeting attendees in person and Zoom. There were 15 attendees, all in person.

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting minutes can be found on Gallatin Ham Webpage: gallatinhamradio.com. If you have any corrections/questions to the minutes, please email Spencer KJ7SSS (spencershuman@gmail.com) and Mark KU7O (wgsllc@gmail.com) or discuss at the meeting. A motion was made to accept the May and June meeting minutes and was passed unanimously.

Meeting Format: We are planning to conduct the business meeting from 7:00 PM – 7:30 PM. The presentation period will start at 7:30 PM and end at 8:00 PM. Mark KU7O gave a presentation on Welfare Messaging, reunification, and 911 relay services that the GHRC and non-member hams could provide to community, and discussed that we need more stations, and also emailing over VHF and HF using Winlink Express, VARA FM and VARA HF.

GHRC Checking Balance: Balance on GHRC checking account was \$3337.01 (7/2/24). GHRC has written checks for Gateway Retreat (\$200.00), Don Godward (Trailer parts) (\$40.00), and Spencer Shuman (FD BBQ Supplies) (\$156.00). After these checks are paid, the balance will be \$2941.01.

ARRL Field Day Site: A motion was made to reserve the Gateway Retreat site for 2025 and passed unanimously. The site would be reserved for 5:00 PM on Friday June 27 and going to 5:00 PM on Sunday June 29, 2025. This site allows for dogs, but must be leashed, or otherwise in owner control at all times.

GHRC Radio Time: The GHRC radio station at the SAR building will not be operating on Saturdays through summer but will start up again on October 5, 2024. If someone wants to use the radio before, contact Mark at wgsllc@gmail.com or 406-579-1493.

General Radio and Club Comments: A motion was made and passed unanimously to apply to the ARRL Foundation Club Grant Program for a project to provide ham radio community service for Scouts in the area. This service would not use any GHRC funds. The grant preparer is Stacy KK7CJV and will be assisted by Robin KJ7VVO and Sue KK7RYG.

W7ED Club Information:

GHRC, PO Box 4381, Bozeman, MT, 59772

W7ED Website: gallatinhamradio.com

Facebook: Montana Ham Radio

Email Reflector: w7ed@groups.io

Yearly Due Information:

- GHRC Dues: \$10 for student; \$20 for single member; \$25 for family; Please give check or cash to Jim Sheldon W7CLS, use PayPal on GHRC website, or mail to GHRC PO Box.
- Eaglehead Repeater Association (ERA) Dues: Suggested annual \$30, can be paid online with PayPal or sent to the Eaglehead Repeater Association, PO Box 4381, Bozeman, MT 59772
- Montana Repeater Link Association (MRLA) Dues: Donation based: suggested annual \$50. Paid to Harley Leach KI7XF or sent to Montana Repeater Link Association, c/o Harley Leach, 4620 Conestoga Circle Bozeman, MT 59715

2024 GHRC Officers:

- President: Mark Cunnane KU7O, wgsllc@gmail.com, 406-579-1493
- Vice President: Ronnie Woods AI7DK
- Treasurer: Sue Driza, KK7RYG
- Secretary: Spencer Shuman KJ7SSS
- Historian: Dan Poole KJ7MT