

01/26-Jan 2013 Meeting Minutes

Rob called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM in the Rainier Room of Providence Medical Center. The group introduced themselves individually. The signup sheet went around for attendance and updates.

Minutes from Nov. 24, 2012, were read. It was moved, seconded, and passed to approve them as read.

Treasurer Pamela Maring is working to master QuickBooks, which doesn't seem "quick." She wants to reconcile numbers with records from previous Treasurer Pam Snook. Donations may be deductible for tax purposes, and we can provide receipt to support tax returns for 2012. She invited dues payments for 2013 registration, using forms she passed around.

VE report. No test session has been held since November. For all 2012, the Club had 12 sessions, 76 people served, 92 tests given, and 45 licenses achieved. Loren thanks VE's who helped. He expects six VE's and nine or ten participants at today's session. One tester needs to have questions read aloud to him, to assist with dyslexic challenges.

Education. **Jim Ludden K7KFB** hopes to have a class on March 15-16-17 in the Rainier Room at the Hospital. Keep watching the reflector for further information. Potential instructors please contact Jim. Coordination with other groups (Boeing, etc.) is active.

Technical. Steve Burling reported that the Club has abandoned the Gunsite Ridge site for remote link receiver. Jon Fortier is thinking about putting link receiver in new location Firetrail Road. There is still a glitch with unprovoked reset of one repeater. We sometimes hear other repeaters on output, and Steve described a possible fix by using PL tone activation on receive. Rob described the purpose of repeater delay upon activation; the reason is to eliminate "ker-chunking" by persons who simply key up without identifying. Pause a moment before speaking in order to assure that your words are repeated.

EMComm report. Nothing to report.

DX report. Bands have been less active recently. Frank hopes conditions approve later in the year, given that cycle 24 is supposed to peak soon. Solar flares may interrupt action by occasional absorption blackouts.

J-Pole project. Dave W9LD will circulate an email to restart the project, which was postponed until after Christmas.

Endowment fund: Gary Hopper is looking at funds which will best serve Club savings. He described the strategy to conserve the initial investment. Funds for the repeater are in hand, and the Club would like to build the balance to a sustainable level. Loren has proposed a "matching fund" plan to encourage others to contribute. Such a plan may also apply to the storage project, as well as the repeater.

Rob announced the Mike and Key hamfest. He posted club activities on the website. First activity (January) will be the Science Fair at Westgate Elementary School, Edmonds, on February 1, 6:30-8:30 PM. Repeater connections will be tested in advance to maximize success of the event. Other events in future will include 7QP, etc. Parks for Field Day 2013 have been investigated, but no reservations made yet.

QSL's. Dave Cornell is Club QSL manager at this time. He circulated sample QSL's which he printed on his inkjet printer. Rob invited volunteers to assume role as QSL manager for the Club.

Rob ended the meeting for a break and introduction of Jim Pratt, W7QI, for his program on activity in Southern Sudan.

Respectfully submitted
Dave Cornell W9LD, Secretary

Approved
Rob Salsgiver NR30, President