

Snohomish County Hams Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting

0900 April 23, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 0900 by the Kerry Burnette KC7YL

1. Welcome

- A. Zoom Etiquette and Protocols (Kerry KC7YL)
 - a. First & Last Name plus Call Sign in Screen Name
 - b. Keep yourself muted unless you are called upon to speak
 - c. Use the Hand Raising function in Zoom if you want to speak. The moderator will be watching for raised hands. You can use the Chat or the Hand Raising.
- B. We will be recording this Zoom meeting and posting it for members to watch (probably on YouTube because the file is too large to send by email). If you have any concerns about being recorded, we wanted to make you aware so that you can turn off your video if you wish.
- C. Any First Time Visitors/Guests?

3. Reports

- A. Secretary's Report - Anne K2MTN announced that the March minutes are not done yet.
- B. Treasurer's report – Randy AJ7B announced that the monthly Treasurer's report had been posted on the Club website. He screen-shared the report. Income of \$199.27 and Expenses of \$88.06. Checking Account Balance of \$9,111.72, Repeater Maintenance Fd \$805.60, Repeater Endowment Fd \$17,687.23, General Investment FD was moved to checking. No questions. A motion was made to accept the report as posted (by Anne K2MTN); it was seconded (by Dennis Bradford W7DEB) and approved by vote.
- C. VE Report – Randy Mather AJ7B no report
- D. Education report – Jim Blake KD7JB no report
- E. New Member Introduction – Anne K2MTN said there was one new member this month: James Troupe KI7ABE. Attendance for the meeting was 28 members.
- F. Repeater Update
 - a. New Repeaters -- Rob NR30
 - b. Old Repeaters – Henry KH6VM The Repeaters have been working okay. Henry just received a UHF 100-watt amplifier, and we are planning to install.

4. Old Business

- A. 7QP (Tim KJ7AKV) There were too few participants and volunteers to proceed with 7QP this year. And, of those that did volunteer, many had physical limitations that would prevent them from doing heavy physical labor such as the set up needed for the tower or tent.

- B. Field Day (Tim KJ7AKV) We are focusing now on plans for Field Day which is coming up soon in June. Victor asked about whether the Field Day location has been applied for and paid. Tim said that Randy has already reserved the same place we had last year. We just need members to get involved and participating. Michael Hill asked what date FD is? Anne said FD is the June 25-26.
- C. New Trustee is Henry Poland KH6VM (Kerry KC7YL) Henry has agreed to be Trustee and was approved by the Board. Thank you to Henry! The group all cheered.
- D. New Investment Committee members are Jim Blake KD7JB and Steve Ramsayer N7SRR (Kerry KC7YL) The Board approved Jim and Steve to join the Investment Committee. Thank you to Jim and Steve! We have 4 members including Tom and Jess. Tom added that we are chugging along downhill with the market ...running at glacial speed.
- E. Secretary still needed (Kerry KC7YL) Anne is unable to continue as Secretary due to family obligations. The job takes someone who is detail oriented and who can attend the 4th Saturday of each month Membership meetings and also the Board meetings which are the Monday before the Saturday Membership meetings. Michael Hill commented that he is sorry to see Anne go and asked when the last day is. Anne is trying to continue doing the minimum while we search for a replacement, but she is not able to get the minutes done. If someone wants to share it, Anne is open to sharing it the last few months until the elections. She currently doesn't have a hard stop date because it is so important to the club, but even if no one steps up at the elections, Anne will not be doing it going forward.
- F. AV Crew Member (Kerry KC7YL) Now that we are conducting hybrid meetings, we are looking for another AV Crew Member. We have Eric Worden and Michael Burnette, but we need another person or two to make the hybrid meetings happen. No one volunteered.
- G. Net Control Operator (Kerry KC7YL) We are still looking for someone to add to the Net Control Operator rotation for Sunday. Kerry is giving a presentation today on Net Control. You can do it from home. Michael Hill WA7MPH volunteered to try it if someone with experience would be next to him during his first Net Control.
- H. Meeting Location (Kerry KC7YL) We are looking for a Club meeting location in Snohomish County which doesn't charge rent, has a projector and large screen, and can hold 70-80 people ideally. The hospital is not going to allow us back in to using the conference room any time soon. And it is not economically viable to pay \$30-\$35 per hour for monthly meetings, VE testing, and Licensing Classes (coming soon). It just adds up to a lot of hours and dollars which would eat into our reserves very quickly. So, if you know of a public meeting space where we could do our activities, please contact Kerry or the Board with that info as soon as possible. If you have any connections with the VFW, Masons, or others who have meeting halls, please let us know. Michael Hill has a connection to Bakerview, but they are not yet open. One big need is for the Classes which are 17-20 hours each. Michael Hill said that the Everett Public Library is available, and it is free for the first 4-hour block. The hours are not great because they open at 10am. We may have to adapt a little bit. Could we consider breaking the class up into blocks instead of doing it all in one weekend? Jim Blake also mentioned that he is not a fan of online training. Henry said that for Club meetings and VE Testing the Library sounds like a great idea. The Club meeting usually lasts 1.5 hours and the VE Testing lasts 1-2 hour(s) or so...So, the Library would work. Randy suggested, what if we try the Library for the next meeting? Randy could schedule a VE

session and see how it goes. Randy also mentioned that we have money in the club bank account and we should spend it on paying for the meeting place. Dennis Bradford said that he agrees with using the money in the checking account to pay for meeting locations. Jim said that we have held 5-6 (one year it was 8) classes each year...We could go through that money pretty quickly. John VanDalen asked about how many people have asked about classes for 2022? The answer is 11 people so far. Victor asked if we have a current Club member who is on the Providence Board? Victor said he is concerned that people aren't volunteering for 7QP or any other volunteer situations. Victor asked if we can move this question of Location to the Board to report back to us. Michael mentioned that the PUD building is open again. He doesn't know the rates (per hour?) for that building. He also suggested that we could set up our Field Day equipment for a Class outside. Steve mentioned that back when he was president our club had some trouble finding a venue. So, it is not a new thing to be searching for a venue. He understands why Providence is not letting people back in. It will take a little while to find a venue per Steve. Kerry said we should table this discussion until next month. Randy said "point of order Madam President", a motion has been made and we need to deal with the motion. Victor mentioned that there was not a second to his motion. Jim Blake said that before there was a "second", we went straight into discussion. Victor moved and Jim Blake seconded the idea of "tabling the meeting location discussion". We had a vote and the motion carried. No one had objections to tabling the discussion.

- I. Ham of the Year Trophy (Kerry KC7YL) The Trophy which has been engraved with his name was presented to Tim.

5. New Business

- J. Any other new Business? (Kerry KC7YL) John VanDalen brought up the Special Interest Groups on the website. It is under the right side. We have to learn from each other. That is what Ham Radio is about. In the list there is a list of tasks that some members of the Club have signed up for. It is about half full. Not everyone is a contester. Not everyone does Parks on the Air. We no longer have a satellite person. We don't have a NOAA person. Call John if you can be an Elmer, and he will help get you on the list. Eric Worden said that the mentorship is really valuable and he has personally received some mentorship. We should not let it die away. Victor asked if we have any SkyWarn members? John said we do not currently have any SkyWarn members. Victor said that we could really use 5-6 SkyWarn members because it is a valuable public service. We should all think about what we are contributing to public service. Dennis mentioned that Seaside SeaPac coming up the first weekend in June (the Burnettes will be there and Michael is giving a presentation on Propagation). Stanwood is coming up May 14th. Victor said that MARS will be activated May 2-3 on Whidbey Island.

6. The meeting was adjourned at about 10:00 am. Moved by Anne K2MTN second by Dennis Bradford W7DEB passed by vote.

Presentation: "Net Control Operation" by our own President Kerry Burnette KC7YL.

Submitted by Anne Garay K2MTN
SCHC Secretary