

SCHC General Meeting
07/27 July 2013 Meeting Minutes-

Rob NR3O called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM in the Rainier Room of Providence Medical Center. Members introduced themselves.

REPORTS

Treasurer's report: Rob reported that Pamela has submitted her resignation as Treasurer. Sharon Elward accepted appointment to serve as Treasurer immediately, and records have been kept so that accounts balance. Thanks to Pamela for her careful records to date.

Minutes from the Club meeting on May 25, 2013 have been available for member inspection on the Club website. Motion to approve them passed unanimously.

VE session. Loren Hole reported May and June test sessions. In May there were 20 tests administered, with 19 passing them. There were nine new Tech, six new Generals, and two new Extras. Showup for the session on Field Day was relatively small.

Education. Jim Ludden explained that classes will be scheduled when he knows that there is demand for one. Other clubs have held them this year. Send names to Jim for those needing a class. He suggested the possibility of topical study after the meetings each month. Four people expressed interest in classes.

Tech Report: Steve Burling was not present.

EmComm: Ole W7OLE was not present.

DX report. According to Frank, bands have been pretty good for DX, esp. 20 and 17 meters. He mentioned PY0F/PP1ZL, Fernando de Noronha, an island off Brazil. This weekend is IOTA weekend (Islands on the Air.)

Group project. Dave W9LD circulated a signup which invited those who would like to participate in building a two-meter cubical quad antenna.

Field Day: Rob reported that there was a wrap up meeting on July 10. Feedback items included:

Easier antenna installation (since the Dave Crosby tower was not installed),

Weather at Willis Tucker Park was much better than the previous year.

Steve Burling's radio was damaged (and repaired successfully after the event). Steve observed that complex radio operations require help on site during the event.

Classification as 4A raises question about how many transmitters to set up. Scheduling operators has worked partly in the past, but is sometimes difficult. Different ways of scheduling exist: e.g., two stations scheduled and two stations open.

Rest rooms at Willis Tucker should have been available, but the key needed to be secured.

GOTA station operation was ad hoc, and involved an unexpected antenna problem. There is concern about whether it is worth the effort. County executive officer made a GOTA contact.

One wire antenna installation provided a jungle entanglement during installation.

Rob NR3O's four-element beam performs well on the crank-up-tower-trailer.

Dave AG7F would like to build new supports for his solar panels.

Trees at Harborview have open access so are easier to use for wire antennas.

"Less is more": similar results may be had with less equipment.

Higher antennas outperform lower ones.

Better interstation isolation is needed. Frank mentioned use of a "triplexer" as did the Idaho Club, which had no interference problems. Only one was needed for the event, even though several operating positions existed. The Club asked Frank to supply cost and other information about the triplexer.

Willis Tucker cost was \$200 plus work-in-kind this year. Several members painted security diamonds on Centennial Trail to help this year. Harborview Park may include fee and work-in-kind in 2014.

Public exposure to various radio modes is desirable. Some visitors don't understand CW in particular. CW interpretation and amplification could be provided.

More signs should be posted to assure public that they are welcome, and so they don't feel excluded by barriers. Ken Dempsey volunteered to build such signs.

Field Day meetings have been on Tues-Wed evenings at a pizza house on Broadway in Everett. Attendance has been spotty.

Harborview Park has already been chosen for 2014 by Club advance planning for Field Day.

Property inventory should help reduce duplication for next year.

A work list should be prepared immediately to support work for 2014 event. See the list online.

VHF action is desirable for diversity, fun, and points. Signage could have pointed to special station location for this.

Elections: Jess expressed appreciation for everybody's prayers during recovery from surgery. He announced candidates selected by the Nominating Committee for all Board positions. However, the list is still open, and Jess invited other nominations. Election will be at the September meeting.

Calendar of events:

International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend, August 17-18. Our club is considering operation together with the Cascades Radio Club at Mukilteo Lighthouse Park. Please tell Frank Remington, so he can coordinate with the Cascade Club. Jack Rookaird will operate station N7M with Eric Nordin on the ship Swiftsure on Lake Union.

Historic Flight commemoration, N7P, August 31, 9AM - 5PM, Paine Field (Jack Rookaird)

Salmon Run, September 21-22, no plans yet, but watch emails for announcements. Jim Ludden, Paul Erickson, and Dave Cornell expressed interest in the event.

Jamboree on the Air (JOTA), October 19-20. Tom N7PKK reported that ARRL and Boy Scouts of America have a memorandum of agreement in which ARRL is the organization of record for radio concerns by scouts. The Club plans to be active in JOTA, and could consider wider involvement, such as sponsorship of a scout unit . Tom invited individuals to apply to be merit badge counselors in radio; youth protection training is required of counselors.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:38 AM.

Respectfully submitted
Dave Cornell W9LD, Secretary

Approved
Rob Salsgiver NR30, President