

11/23 November Meeting Minutes
General meeting

Rob NR3O called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM in the Rainier Room of Providence Medical Center. Visitors and members introduced themselves.

Christmas Party announcement and details were given; see details under Calendar of Events at the end of these minutes.

REPORTS

Treasurer's report: Tom Smith confirmed that the Club is a qualified 501C3 organization. The IRS Form 990N (short form) has been filed for 2012. He mentioned that there is an ongoing reconciliation of Club funds in "QuickBooks". The planned internal audit should be completed by volunteer club members in the next month or two. Sharon gave the current totals in Club accounts: General \$2435.86, LIFE \$1286.56, Repeater \$1001.12, Repeater Endowment \$1640.76, and Savings \$715.25, for a total of \$7079.55. Rob reminded all that 2014 dues are payable at the Christmas Party or by mailing them in to P. O. Box 946, Everett. Renewal forms will soon be on the website.

Minutes from Club meeting on October 26, 2013 have been available for member inspection on the Club website. Jess Ray moved and Dale Heaton seconded to approve the October minutes. Motion passed.

VE session: Loren KK7M reported that there two VE test sessions in the last month, one after the October Club meeting and the other on Sunday 11/17 after the education class. Four new hams were offered complimentary memberships for the remainder of 2013 and all of 2015. The next VE session will be after the January 2014 Club meeting

Group projects:

1. Curt N7OBI spoke about Dave Cornell's code oscillator and CW practice project. The ARRL Code Practice Oscillator Kit (ARRL Item # 0022) costs about \$35, including \$10 shipping. .
2. There is a project to build and/or acquire band-pass filters for Field Day and other multi-radio operations. Jack Rookaird talked about hardware needed. Jim Blake will start the project, which aims at completion before Field Day in June.

Education: Jim Ludden K7KFB reported that 11 persons attended classes on Nov. 15, 16, and 17. Seven persons passed Technician, and two passed the General test. There were two guest instructors plus club members who taught also. The next class will be late winter or early spring, depending upon need.

Tech Report: Steve KJ7YL spoke about future options for the Club repeater. What we do depends upon what we would like to accomplish with today's technology.

EmComm: Dave Williamson reported on a meeting at D.E.M., during which new radio cables were assembled.

DX report: Frank K7GSE gave a glowing report about DX resulting from high sunspot numbers recently. Ten meters has been open to the entire world. This is the last year to purchase "IRC's" in the U.S.A, but IRC's will still be available in other countries. Frank suggests that American hams enclose \$2.00 of American cash with QSL requests to foreign hams or DXpeditions to help them defray costs of return postage. He also thanked everyone who helped at the work party to disassemble Bob Huson's (WA7HYD) antennas, tower, and ham station.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Club storage trailer:

1. There is presently just over \$700.00 in the storage trailer fund.
2. The project is currently on hold pending completion of search for insurance. Obtaining insurance for it has been a challenge. Rob invited the membership to submit ideas and suggestions for insurance brokers who might quote cost for a policy to cover our trailer.
3. A question was asked about trailer licensing and maintenance. Do they come out of General Funds or an ongoing trailer fund? The question was referred to the Board, which would submit its recommendation to the membership.

Tee Shirts: Ken Dempsey showed a tee shirt sample and discussed the project. He passed a sign-up sheet for orders on them. Tee shirts are to be black with a pocket and LOGO. Call sign and name plates are optional. Basic shirt is \$20. Optional add-ons come at additional cost.

Thank you: Rob and Frank thanked the officers, Board, and general membership for their support in the past year.

Rob reminded all that **Dave Williamson** will be the Club President, effective January 1st, 2014.

Field Day:

1. The Club recalls that it voted at a previous meeting to hold Field Day at Willis Tucker Country Park for two years. In 2014 we will return to Harborview Park in Everett.
2. We need to name a Field Day Coordinator soon to start planning. The park location needs to be secured by January.
3. Willis Tucker Park cost has been \$200 plus work-in-kind.
4. While Harborview Park use has been free in the past (assuming some work-in-kind there too) the feeling is that a fee will be charged this time. Porta-Potty cost is about \$125.00, and is needed when we use Harborview v

5. There was general discussion about Field Day. This event tests our ability to plan, prepare for and test our ability to provide emergency operations when needed. Not only that, but it is a lot of fun and an enjoyable way to introduce newcomers to the hobby.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Christmas Party: 6:00 to 9:00 PM, Saturday, December 14, at 1401 Poplar, Everett, (Bakerview Apartment Building.) The dinner will be potluck with meat and drinks provided by the Club. Decorating starts at 10:00 AM. White elephant gifts will be featured again this year for those willing to participate. Party cost is \$5 per person, family of three or more, \$15.

Celebration of Life: There is a service for Geri Heaton, Dale's deceased wife, at Port Susan Chapel, at 3:30 PM today.

2014 meetings: Tom Hutchinson will work with Providence Hospital to reserve the meeting room for next year.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.

PROGRAM:

1. Dennis W7DEB gave a brief talk on grounding a ham radio station.
2. Following Dennis' talk Tom Hutchinson gave a session to train Merit Badge Counselors for working with Boy Scouts.

Respectfully submitted

Dennis Bradford W7DEB, Secretary pro-tem

Approved

Rob Salsgiver NR30, President