

Snohomish County Ham's Club Meeting Minutes for November 22, 2008

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Eric Nordin AD7BF at 8:05 am. There were about 35 in attendance (there was no attendance sheet to pass around until late in the meeting and not everyone signed it).

The October 25th meeting minutes were read (by Secretary Melisa KE7KRS) and motion to approve as read was made by Bill Hughs N7YH and seconded by Frank Dolan N7WUB.

There was no Treasurer's report as club Treasurer Gary Whiting W7MGG was away on vacation.

The VE report was given by Loren KK7M. In the regular October 25th test session there were 4 served, 6 tests administered, 5 passed. A special VE session was held on Sunday November 16th to test the ten students who had just completed the license class. In addition to the ten there was one walk-in who just came to take the Technician exam. All eleven people passed the exam. See attached report.

Eric AD7BF announced he had noticed that, according to statistics on the ARRL's VE web page, out of 255 Volunteer Examiners in Washington state, there is only one who has administered more amateur radio license exams than Loren. According to ARRL, Loren has participated in 237 test sessions.

Education committee Report was given by Jim Ludden KD7RHI. A Class was held November 14-16. There were ten people who took the class, all ten passed the Technician Class license test on Sunday along with one walk-in who had not taken the class but showed up to take the exam. They are all awaiting their call signs. Jim reported that Grant will be taking over as Education Coordinator in January and has said he thinks we will be offering a General class in February. Grant will need all the support we can give him in that effort.

DX Report – Frank Remington gave the DX report. WPX CQ Worldwide phone contest was last month. Frank made over 200 contacts. Also reported that he made a contact recently with a special event station having the longest call he'd ever hear of, "ON50WAASLAND." This was a special event station out of Belgium. DX conditions have been really good. Getting into cycle 24 and it's going to be getting better.

The Technical committee Report was given by Steve Burling KJ7YL. Jon is working on the backup repeater. It has a bad transistor and he is trying to locate a replacement. New repeater and controller is really close to being ready, Jon is working on resolving a problem with the dial-in feature. Bob Huson mentioned that he had heard from Bob Castaneda that there is some repeater equipment available in Twin Falls. Bob will forward that info to Eric if he still has it on his computer.

Announcements:

Club Christmas Party will be held Saturday December 13th at the Baker View Community Center, 14th and Poplar in Everett 6:30 – 9:00 P.M. Invitations with all the details to be mailed soon. The guest list was passed around at the meeting so people could sign up in advance and let us know if they'd be able to help with preparations or setup and teardown. Admission by donation, suggested donation \$4 each or \$15 for the whole family.

Nominations for new club officers. The nominating committee has selected Jim Ludden for President and he has already officially accepted the nomination. Kieth Jackson had told the committee he'd be willing to serve as Vice President, Paul Erickson had said he'd be willing to serve as Secretary, and Bill Painter had said he'd be willing to serve as Director at Large. Eric explained that there are two Directors that serve two year terms and that the Directors are elected in alternate years. Eric asked if Keith, Jim, and Bill were all willing to accept the nominations and all accepted. Eric then asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor. There were none. Frank Remington K7GSE moved to accept the nominations and Bill Hughs N7YH seconded. Motion carried without opposition. Election of club officers will take place at the Christmas party on December 13th.

Also at the Christmas party the new Ham Of The Year will be announced and trophies presented.

Rob Nash announced that he will be leaving early next year to do volunteer hospital work in Peru. He is trying to put together an HF station that he can bring to Peru in a suitcase with his checked baggage and could use some help selecting antennas and some gear.

Bob Wheeler announced that the old "92" repeater has been moved off Mt. Pilchuck and relocated to Jordan Mountain near Granite Falls.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bill Hughs and seconded by Bill Painter. Meeting was adjourned at 8:43 A.M.

Presentation immediately following the business meeting was a Power Point presentation on the Snohomish County 911 Center given by the center's Operations Manager Todd Geers.