

SNOHOMISH COUNTY HAMS CLUB

MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 28, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 8 AM by president Jim Ludden - KD7RHI. Introductions of members present were made around the room.

Loren Hole KK7M reported on the recovery of Lorna – KB7PG that she was improving a little each day. He mentioned that he has learned to do a lot more and was really appreciating her after 60 years of marriage.

Minutes from the January 2009 meeting were read. A correction of Bill Painter's callsign was noted. Eric Nordin – AD7BF moved that the minutes be approved with the correction, and Bill Hughs N7YH seconded. The minutes were approved with corrections.

The treasurers report was read by treasurer, Gary Whiting – W7MGG. Total current assets of the club were \$3758.19. A motion was made by Bill Hughs N7YH to approve the report and seconded by Jess Ray AD7PZ. The treasurers report was approved.

Gary Whiting mentioned that the speed dial was down and that the code had not been changed this year, as it normally is done, as the speed dial is down. Steve Burling – KJ7YL gave a report of some of the technical issues that would need to be resolved to deal with this. It was decided that there would need to be further discussion on this matter.

Steve Burling – KJ7YL gave the technical committee report. He said that the new machine was being worked on by Jon Fortier, but he was not sure if the crystal had been received or not. The after net weekly tech discussions were mentioned as they were going well

The education report was given by Grant Hopper – KB7WSD. He has put together a nice list of venues where classes could be held, including the Everett Clinic, Providence, Everett Fire Department. The tentative dates for the Technician Class is March 20 - 22, May 15-17, August 28-30, and October 16-18. There was discussion about a General Class, and a tentative date would be scheduled by Grant. There was discussion about an Extra Class, which would need to run once a week for a period of weeks which the scheduling is still tentative on as well.

Loren – KK7M gave a VE Report. They administered 20 different tests. They had 5 new technicians, 5 earned general. One person came with no license and left the testing as an Extra.

The mentoring committee report was made by Frank Dolan – N7WUB. He noted that we had 16 Elmers listed from the club, that people were available after the meeting in person and at the tech net on the air on Sunday Evenings after the regular net at 7PM.

NR30 – Rob Salsgiver gave a quick report on EMCOM/ARES. He reminded that their monthly meeting would be at 7PM on the first Wednesday of the month. The ARES net occurs at 8:30 on 442.500 or 145.390 with a PL of 123. There were plans for excercises of communications in the Olympics, a marathon on Whidbey, and Ragner Relay, including multiple counties.

Keth – AD7FT commended the fine job that had been done on new club flyer, giving kudos to Eric Nordin and Beth Christianson who helped put that together.

Frank Remington - K7GSE made mention that Lord Howell Island VK9LA would be on the air March 24 – April 3. In April there will be Dxpeditons from West and Central Africa. Europe is coming in in the mornings and Asia in the evenings. ARRL has listings of the current Dxpeditons.

Field Day was brought before the membership and there was discussion about hosting VE Testing at Field Day for this year. David Freedmen proposed that we be more in tune with our invitation of attendees this year. Jon Fortier – N7WDF mentioned that we may not be able to rely on David Crosby's big tent each year at field day and that the club should look into a structure that can be used for field day and how to handle storage issues regarding such a structure.

David Friedman - KE7GOY made mention of some interference issues around the Les Schwab in Monroe mostly on 2 meters. There was some discussion and it was mentioned that part of the fault may be the receiver being wide and rejection of signals not being very good.

Jim Ludden – KD7RHI mentioned the storage of club property, it is still a problem under consideration.

Frank Dolan – N7WUB discussed the bad habit of tailgating the repeater. Reminding members to wait just a little longer after the courtesy tone. A good practice for allowing an opening for an emergency communication. He also mentioned that if simplex works for a given communication, please use it to free up the repeater.

The meeting was adjourned by Jim Ludden at 9:30David Friedman - KE7GOY AM.