

SNOHOMISH COUNTY HAMS CLUB

MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 27, 2010

President Jim Ludden, KD7RHI called the meeting to order at 8 AM.

Introductions were made of members around the room.

Club Secretary, Paul Erickson – KD7EJI read minutes from the January meeting and they were approved.

The treasurers report was read by treasurer, Pam Snook – KE7WSK and it was approved.

Jon Fortier – N7WDF gave the tech report. The 440 repeater would be back on the air soon from Jon's house while technical issues were worked out. He said his schedule would be allowing him to get some things done for the club in the near future.

Frank Remmington – K7GSE brought up problems with kerchunking on the repeater over and over again, advising you should ID when you bring the repeater up. Rob Salsgiver NR3O added that those kinds of events tend to desensitize listeners to possible emergency reports coming from the repeater, as well as not allowing them to even occur when needed. Steve Burling, KJ7YL said an emergency could even be the reason for the repeated attempts in a situation like that. Grant Hopper, KB7WSD added that repeated testing operations can also wear on the repeater.

Grant Hopper – KB7WSD gave the Education Report. Apparently there was not enough current interest in classes to schedule a class currently. We require at least 6 students to make running a class worthwhile.

Loren Hole KK7M gave a VE report. In January 18 people were served, 19 tests given and 18 tests passed. 9 earned Tech, 5 General, and 4 Extra.

Rob Salsgiver gave an EMCOM/ARES report. 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.

Frank Remmington – K7GSE gave the DX report. He noted the bands being in good shape. Europe on 15 and 17 in the morning and Asia in the afternoon. April 2-12 Kurdistan, Iraq YI9PSE will be active. Also on March 6-7 the ARRL DX Phone contest will be occurring.

Jim Blake, KE7UFP expressed his thanks to K7GSE and KJ7YL for their passing DX contacts to each other, as it helped him work some of those DX stations.

There was discussion about Field Day. Jim Blake, KE7UFP gave a slide presentation on the possible Willis Tucker Park for a field day location.

After much discussion a decision was put on the floor to keep the Harborview Park location used for

Field Day in the past few years again for this year. It was so moved, voted upon and approved to use the Harborview Park location again this year, and to explore the use of Willis Tucker Park for a secondary operating event for 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 AM by President Jim Ludden -KD7RHI.