

SNOHOMISH COUNTY HAMS CLUB

MEETING MINUTES

October 25, 2010

President Jim Ludden, K7KFB called the meeting to order at 8 AM.

Introduction of members were made around the room.

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

The treasurers report was read by secretary, Paul Erickson – KD7EJI and it was approved.

Steve Burling – KJ7YL gave the tech committee report. The autopatch board was being sent back as it was not working with the controller. Audio quality of the repeater has been improved. Courtesy tones have been set 1 for the main site and 3 for the remote receiver. Log files are running so reconfigs can be easily done. The 440 machine has had the preamp removed temporarily and they may need to roll back the controller version.

Grant Hopper – KB7WSD gave the education committee report. Four people turned out for the General class, including one from the September Tech Class. Three out of the four passed the General exam. Another Tech Class is scheduled for November 12-14.

Loren Hole KK7M gave a VE report. In September, 6 people were served, 1 earned Tech, and 3 General class licenses.

Frank Dolan, N7WUB gave the mentoring committee report. Jamboree on the air was mentored at a couple of different Boy Scout troupes by club members.

There was no EMCOM/ARES report. The ARES monthly meeting be at 7PM on the first Wednesday of the month. The ARES net occurs Tuesday at 8:30 PM on 444.975 or 145.390 with a PL of 123. Grant Hopper mentioned that Emergency Communications classes would be offered October 29-31.

Frank Remington – K7GSE gave the DX report. He made note that 10, 12 and 15 meters were opening for good DX and sunspots were up. Next weekend would be the CQ WW SSB contest with lots of DX. He mentioned that special event station XR33AA would be operating in Chile commemorating the Chilean miners rescue.

Grant Hopper – KB7WSD reported that the ARRL foundation received a \$1 million bequest. Also that they were working on upgrades to 60 meters and new allocations below 510 KHZ in the next couple of years.

Eric Nordine – AD7BF mentioned an inteference problem with the Whidbey School distrcit frequency 159.625-159.630 and if anyone could help locating the source to email him at ad7bf@arrl.net

Frank – K7GSE raised the question, do we need the autopatch?

It was commented that emergency use for the autopatch was a consideration.

A reminder was made that the club Christmas Party would be on December 11.

The meeting was adjourned by President Jim Ludden at 9:43 AM