

## SNOHOMISH COUNTY HAMS CLUB

### MEETING MINUTES

February 22, 2011

President Keith Jackson, AD7FT 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 January meeting and they were approved.

Paul Erickson read the treasurer's report and it was approved.

Steve Burling, KJ7YL was introduced as the new Technical committee chair. He said he would be evaluating possible equipment upgrades and would be establishing policy for repeater operators. He also mentioned that the Gunsite Ridge receiver would be lost eventually when PSE drops the site.

Dave Cornell, W9LD, inquired about education classes. He asked if perhaps we should consider a weekly format rather than the all in a weekend format. After some discussion, the group decided it might be good to one weekend class and one weekly class over many weeks for the General License, but the Tech License would probably be well left as a weekend class.

Keith Jackson mentioned that spring classes would be scheduled soon.

Loren Hole KK7M was commended for making the VEC list in QST. In January 6 were served, 7 tests given, and 5 passed. There was 1 paper upgrade, 3 earned Tech and 3 General.

Tom Hutchinson, N7PKK donated some wonderful cards for visitors to Field Day to log their contacts and take a record of them home. They will be appreciated by both the club and visitors to field day.

Frank Dolan, N7WUB gave the mentoring committee report. Jon, KI7PY handled a couple of requests himself during the month. Frank also mentioned that Travis Gibbon KF7NQB passed his tech test and received his new call.

Frank Remmington – K7GSE gave the DX report. Bands were reported to be in good shape with solar flux over 100. Europe can be heard in the morning and Asia in the afternoon. Good signals heard on 17 and 20 meters and 15 meters is open sometimes. One Dxpediton to look for in May is out for Kabul, Afghanistan.

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.

President Keith Jackson, AD7FT reminded members of the Mike & Key Hamfest in Puyallup on March 12, and that the club would have a table there.

Ken Dempsy, KE7ND inquired about the club doing a radio fox hunt. The club has done a few of these in the past and the idea should be open for discussion in the future.

The meeting was adjourned by President Keith Jackson at 8:40 AM