

Snohomish County HAMS Club
Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2012

President Rob Salsgiver called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM with a round of introductions.

Pam Snook was not available for the treasure's report.

Minutes changes. Gary Hopper requested Garry be replaced with Gary in the April minutes.

VE report: The VE session served 8 tester's with 10 tests administered. 8 tests were passed with two new technicians, four general and one extra. \$120 sent to the ARRL. The next session is June 23rd furring field day. 5 inquiries for today's session.

Education report: There is tentatively scheduled a class on July 6,7,8 for technicians training and testing. Future classes will be scheduled on a demand basis. There is a possibility to coordinate with other groups.

Tech Report: The repeater is fixed. The time out timer in the controller and the repeater competed with each other. Pulled the card with the secondary timer. Timers were redundant and competing with each other.

Discussion of Power Poles. Dave Cornell says thee is a voltage drop on them that needs awareness.

MCOM communications test June 6th with cross border operations.

DX Report: Bands are getting better after solar activity. Frank worked ASA Dubin in Asia Dxpdition and Japan also. Yemen Dxpeiditions are not allowed to work Israel. Jim K7QI is heading back to Sudan protecting the pipe line construction. Frank will be his QSL manager. CQWPX contest this weekend.

Rob contesting W7QP. Gary Hipper not getting emails. Don Anderson is not getting emails either. Jim Ludden set up 4 stations 40, 80, and 20 meters for the 7QP. One radio had problems.

Jim Blake took boys over with headsets. He notices that the same people show up to events but don't get on the air. He encouraged everyone to get on the air at club events. 7QP was a success and enjoyed by everyone.

Announcements: Diane thanked everyone for help on field day. Field day meeting this Wednesday. Jim Blake found 3rd banner. The club has a total of 6 banners including the GOTA station banner.

Dave (last name?) flew to Dayton for the big ham-fest. He flew, had a good time. Explained that it is so big it is almost impossible to see everything in three days. It is the largest ham-fest in the USA. Orlando is the second largest. Dave Cornell drove 5 times to Dayton when living in the Midwest.

Rob – Website will go live within the next month. Have to go through a process with the hosting company. We will also re-tune the yahoo group functionality to expand it's capabilities. Frank thanks Pam for all the hard work on the new web site. It looks good and has a lot of good information.

Rob on club business: Nominating committee includes Loren Hole as the trustee, Vickie Hopper as the past president. Treasure Pam Snook will not be running for another term.

Jim Blake mentioned his wife got a letter that the older version of quick-books will not be supported. A discussion on this showed that the club already uses an older version which is adequate for our needs.

Gary Hopper lost his radio from the hood of his car. His neighbor found it. He has a sponge rubber case and had name on it.

Rob on future events: salmon run , lighthouse jamboree. Jim Ludden mentioned that July 1st is Canada day. Frank wants to make sure club member are active and we want everyone active at events.

Rob says we are light on food sign ups for field day. And side dishes are needed. There is a big need for extra coax.

Steve added to the tech report that he turned the CW ID level down on the Gun-site repeater link.

Jim Blake reminded about some of the problems with the network cables at last year's field day. He gave Dave AG7F money collected for the generator last year.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 AM with no opposition.