

25 August 2012 Minutes of Snohomish County Hams Club, Ranier Room, Providence Hospital.

President Rob Salsgiver called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM.

Newcomer Tom KB5RSK, Silver Lake, introduced himself.

Jess read the Treasurer's report aloud, since the Web listing had not been seen by many. The cash total available to the Club was \$5591. The club approved the report unanimously.

Gary W7MGG read the VE report in Loren Hole's absence. The detailed report is on file. Loren reported that six VE's examined three applications, with test results yielding one new General and one new Extra Class licensee.

Minutes from July's meeting have yet to be compiled, so they were ignored for the time being.

Members and visitors introduced themselves around the room.

Steve Burling reported that repeater difficulties have been fixed, but problems may yet occur.

Jim Blake reported on Education activity in Grant's absence. Tech class should be held in October, but more Tech applicants are needed. Classes for higher classes are offered on sufficient demand.

Bob Wheeler reported that there was no EmComm meeting last month, so there is no update there. The club discussed response to emergency power outages from wild fires.

Frank Remington reported that band conditions have been good for DX lately, and he highlighted several DXpeditions. Jim, K7QI's, application for license in South Sudan was delayed by death of a governmental official. He would be first ham in that new country.

Jim Ludden reported that 50 QSO's were made by our Mukilteo Lighthouse setup, a new high. Cascade ARC has invited us to collaborate with them next year, but we are uncertain about how to respond, since we have no official permission from Mukilteo to set up in the park for the event.

Jack Rookaird has applied for special event call K7A for the Paine Field fly-in, on Sat., Sept 1, from 9AM to 5PM. The location is the Historic Flight Foundation, on west side of Paine Field.

Several club members will provide VHF support for the Plain 100 Race on Sept 8-9, in Plain, WA.

Tom N7PKK will set up for Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) on Saturday, 20 October, from noon to 4PM, at Mary Magdalene School, near Everett Mall. Methods will be to motivate scouts for radio by helping with radio merit badge, and providing hands-on VHF radios on simplex.

Contact James Monroe jmonroe642@aol.com for info about Skagit County operation in JOTA.

Contact Jim Ludden jfludden@hotmail.com for info about Salmon Run on 3rd weekend in Sept.

Program today was to be selected from TAPR videos on hand, thanks to Rob Salsgiver.

Jess Ray read nominations for officers. Members need to be present to vote at September meeting.

The club thanked Rob for constructing the Field Day Coordinator's manual draft with help from Jim Blake, et al.

Members are invited to send nominee names for Ham of the Year award to ad7pz@arrl.net

Dave Cornell reported that Shelly Salsgiver, Jack Rookaird, and he assembled the Joplin ARC air launcher kit with Ken Dempsey looking on. The unit holds pressure and remains to be tested with reel and line. A planned attempt at Salsgivers' home was postponed owing to wet weather.

The club website is under development, and currently has domains at wa7law.com and wa7law.org.

Pamela Maring mentioned that there is one member pledged to a fund to buy a storage trailer. Others came forward, and there are now five members pledged. More donations are welcomed. Jim K7KFB was appointed to chair a Committee to select and recommend a trailer purchase.

Rob adjourned the meeting at 9?:30 AM.

Sincerely,

Dave Cornell W9LD, Secretary pro-tem

Rob Salsgiver NR3O, President