

7-26-14 July Meeting Minutes

General meeting

Dave WA7DGW called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM in the Rainier Room of Providence Medical Center. First time visitors and members introduced themselves.

REPORTS

Treasurer's report: Secretary Dave W9LD read the report for co-Treasurers Sharon KF7YJW and Tom K7AFA. Totals are in the report, which is filed with these minutes. Motion to accept report was approved.

Secretary: Motion to approve minutes from May 24, 2014, as posted on WA7LAW.org, was seconded and passed. Minutes from 2002 now appear on the WA7LAW website.

VE report: Loren KK7M reported on May and June test sessions. He thanks VE's for their service, especially those who helped on Field Day, when double duty happened. There were 14 new techs, and seven upgrades to General, and other upgrade as well. Effective July 21, FCC enables Element credit for previous licenses, even though expired, provided the applicant comes to a VE test session. There is a new question pool for Tech licenses.

Education report: Jim K7KFB told about interest in licensing, probably stimulated by Field Day. He is hoping to schedule a class in October. Scheduling needs to coordinate with Scott Honaker N7SS regarding educational material on slides.

Tech report: Steve KJ7YL displayed the power supply (a spare) from the repeater. Recycled (MSR2000) units have been made available recently, in brand new condition. Steve repaired one by discovery of a loose connection to a filter capacitors. Availability of replacement units reduces down time of repeater. Steve is also investigating potential alternate sites for repeater receivers to improve regional coverage.

Emcomm Report: Bob KC7QT reported on a recent county DEM meeting, when the Incident Command System (ICS) system was described. Scott N7SS is our contact at DEM. Recent fires have not called up our county system for assistance. Jim K7KFB reported on frequencies 3985 and 7245, from 0800 to 1900 PDT; persons should keep these frequencies clear.

DX report: Frank K7GSE reported yo-yo conditions on HF bands when fluctuating sunspot conditions. The Islands on the Air (IOTA) contest is active now, making for greater activity. The Lighthouse Weekend will include collaboration of our Club with the Cascade Club, as in 2013. Major DXpeditions are relatively quiet in recent weeks. Mike K7IR, owner of Steppir Beams, donated the antenna to activate an island owned by the Greek Orthodox Church.

Field Day: Jim KD7JB shared Field Day data with a visual display. Turnout was good at the meeting. Jim asked for feedback from others that could not attend. Triplexers and filters worked well to reduce interference between stations. Contest entry points showed over 3000 points total, comparable to previous years' performance. Jim indicated improvements to station ID and safer transit during darkness (e.g., to the Honey Bucket.) Pop-up tents worked out well.

Jamboree on the Air: Tom Sykes NU7J reported on improvements needed for the Jamboree. Last year worked out well, but interstation interference needs to be mitigated. Station separation improves situation. He seeks help with this year's event on Saturday, October 18. Needed: a VHF station. Tom N7PKK will continue to coordinate JOTA with our Club. The event served 33 scouts last year. The event is a fine recruiting event for new scouts as well as support in the community.

OLD BUSINESS:

Post cards: Dave WA7DGW reported sending out a brochure and invitation to participate in the Club to 74 recipients at addresses given by ARRL's Lynn Burlingame.

Tee shirts: More are still available, contact Dave WA7DGW.

Audit Committee: Sharon will conduct it by October 30 with help from Club members.

FISTS training disks for CW: They are available on the back table for members to take.

Sign-in sheet: Dave W9LD needs to be reminded to prepare sign-in sheet for Club meetings. None was prepared for today.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bakerview: On August 21, repeater antennas will be removed for inspection, partly to facilitate apartment remodeling. The Club will coordinate with Ron Neff of the apartment building in this activity.

Board report: We thank Dave AG7F for his equipment and participation. Dave counters that Field Day is the only event yearly when he can operate with a decent antenna. Laptops implement software for logging at events; that software may need upgrades. The Club is looking for pop-up tents to invest in, so we are supplied for events. We're also looking into filter/triplexer system to replace Rob NR3O's, which we now borrow. A beam antenna is also an interest of the Club for investment. The Club has appointed Steve Elli K7LKA as Quartermaster to keep track of equipment. Bylaw changes are in progress to add to the Board the Tech Advisor and to add a Business Executive Advisor.

Calendar:

International Lighthouse and Lightship Event, Sat., Aug. 16, Mukilteo Lighthouse Park, call W7M. Contact Jim K7KFB for further information. Jack KC7YE will operate on ship "Swiftsure" N7M on Lake Union.

Plain, WA, 100-mile race: Wenatchee, Sep. 12-14, communicators needed (contact Dave WA7DGW)

Salmon Run, the Washington State QSO party, Sep. 20-21, activates as many counties as possible.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at

Program:

Respectfully submitted
Dave Cornell, W9LD, Secretary

Approved
Dave Williamson, WA7DGW, President