

Snohomish County HAMS Club
General Membership Meeting
Minutes
27 May 2017

1. The meeting was called to order at 0800 by the President, Kevin Lynch KG7CLD.
2. Introductions
 - a. The president called for introductions of all present, which was accomplished.
 - b. Included in the above were several visitors, which were welcomed by the President
3. The president called for any announcements
 - a. Jil Hatch WA7JIL announced that two 'get well' cards were being circulated for signature and comment.
4. Club Reports
 - a. The Secretary's report was made by Roger Hoot KF7WVT. He reported that the minutes of the April meeting had been posted on the website. He noted that there were two corrections (which he identified) and requested a motion to approve if the corrected minutes were acceptable. A motion to approve and seconded was made. Roger then announced that the attendance roster was being circulated and requested that all people sign in. The motion was voted upon and approved.
 - b. The President reminded everyone that the displayed sign in roster reflected a significant number of attendees had not paid membership dues. While membership and dues are not mandatory, the contribution of funds supports Club activities. He further explained that dues were applicable by the calendar year (Jan-Dec, not the 12 months since first joining.
 - c. The Treasurer's report was made by Randy Mather AJ7B who stated that for the period of 4/17 - 5/24, we had:
 - (1) Income of \$182.30
 - (2) Expenses of \$221.05
 - (3) Balance of
 - (a) Checking: \$6861.31
 - (b) Repeater Maint: \$482.94
 - (4) Investments
 - (a) Repeater Upgrade: \$5133.54
 - (b) General Investment: \$427.09

He also stated that he had submitted the IRS 990 form that is required on an annual basis for '5013(c)' organizations that have an income of less than \$50,000.

The President asked for any comments, Roger Hoot KF7WVT made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Henry Poland KH6VM, and approved by a vote.

d. Investment report was made by Loren Hole KK7M who stated that there was nothing different from the Treasurer's Report and that the investments were doing well.

e. Technical Report:

(1) Barry Hatch WA7BAR described planned improvements to the tower trailer that will expedite activation procedures. This has to do with cable management, antennae rotation and power requirements. Lights will be addressed in phase two. Improvements will be employed at Field Day (23-25 June).

(2) Dave Cornell W9LD reported that he had five Off-set attenuator kits almost complete (needs wire) at a cost of \$12 each. The attenuator is used to enhance signal strength during a Fox Hunt. He also demonstrated a home-made Yagi 'measuring tape' antenna. He then described what a Fox Hunt is: locating a hidden transmitter. He proposed three dates for the workshop at the Hatch residence: 10June, 17June, or 1July and requested to be notified of preference by participants. The project should last about two hours. Jim Blake KD7JB made favorable comments regarding the durability and serviceability of the Yagi antenna. Dave said construction instructions can be found on the web by 'googling' "3 element tape measure yagi".

f. Education Report was made by Jim Blake KD7JB who stated that he planned a training session for 14-16 July. He's received several requests including groups called the "makers" and the "instructables". He asked Randy to post the class on the website (who concurred). He is also contemplating another class to be held 11-13 August.

g. EMCOMM Report was made by Bob Wheeler KC7QT who stated that there was a lot of interest in the HAMFEST at Seaside on 2,3,4 June which included training. He also provided the website for the County Emergency Management - WA7DEM.info. Kevin Lynch KG7CLD asked about any announcements concerning the "Special Olympics". Frank said that there is no current request, but that when held, there is a special event call sign assigned. Kevin stated that our Club may be interested in supporting that event.

h. DX Report was made by Frank Remington K7GSE who stated that the bands may be 'coming to life'. The major DX station is in Africa with call sign E31A. He said Europe has been heard more lately. 10M & 6M signals have been favorable.

i. Events report was made by Dave Archer KA7RRA who recently returned from the HAMFEST in Dayton Ohio. He said the new site for the event was an improvement, although traffic pattern was problematic. The 'flea market' area was muddy, and parking was hard to find. Other HAMFEST events will be at Seaside, OR 2-4 June, and in Dreyden, Wenatchee WA 9-11 June. It was a 30 hour drive to Dayton and hotels away from Dayton (Zena) were cheaper. It was an 837 mile trip.

j. Quartermaster Report: Not Available

k. 7QP/FD Report was made by Ray Smith KD7AVP who said that weather was great; set-up went smoothly with both trailers. First contact was in Russia. Our points were 13,000 with 192 contacts, notably the Cook Is. and Aruba. Our next Field Day meeting will be June 8 at Alfy's at 1800. Plan to set up on Friday, 23 June at 1200. We'll have both trailers but could use a second antenna trailer with a 20-30 foot tower. Randy said we have a Rohn tower but Jim advised that we don't have guying lines for that tower although we have everything else. We'll set up on Saturday at 0800. We need to contact Chris Wertes to volunteer for 'watches' on the various radios. Message handling will be done by Randy and participation by the Boy Scouts should contribute to Youth points. Kevin provided a description of what Field Day is for visitors/new members. Pizzas will be provided on Friday and the Club will provide a potluck hamburger meal on Saturday. Jil will distribute a list of food items needed. Richard Derrick KI7EVS provided a video of last year's Field Day.

l. The President advised us of scheduled Club activities:

- (1) Lighthouse/lightship in Mukilteo on 19-20 Aug.
Kevin will be the coordinator.
- (2) Salmon Run on 16-17Sep needs a coordinator
- (3) Christmas Party on 9Dec needs a coordinator.

m. VE Report was made by Randy who said that after last month's meeting, 7 VE's issued 6 tests to 4 applicants, resulting in 2 new Technicians and 2 upgrades to General.

n. Henry Poland KH6VM that the 'Fly Lion' website would process orders for personalized Club shirts but required a minimum of 25 orders. Each person must log-in and pay for their own shirt, which eliminates the Club handling money. Henry will pick up the shirts from a local dealer.

o. Old Business:

(1) Kevin stated that when he attempted to buy the shelter approved by vote at the last Club meeting, he learned that the vendor was going to substitute a used item and therefore he did not execute the order. He's looking for a more reliable vendor, but will not have a new shelter for the Field Day. Victor Harris KI7MMZ suggested trying Everett Tent and Awning while Jim Ludden K7KFB suggested Costco had a 10x20 for \$230. This item will be referred to Steve Elli K7LKA to pursue.

p. New Business:

(1) Post meeting subjects need to be identified. John Van Halen volunteered to provide a presentation of how to use Logbook of the World at the July monthly meeting

(2) Jim Blake stated that he would provide training on the logging software used at Field Day at 0900 Saturday.

(3) Dave Cornell volunteered to present the results of the 'Fox Hunt' project.

q. 50/50 Raffle was conducted. The 'pot' was comprised of 2 items: First item was a baseball cap which was won by Dave Somers with ticket #962; the cash pot of \$40 was also won by Dave Somers with ticket #960 who gave it back to the Club.

r. Frank injected that there was a DX contest this weekend but it was a CW only competition.

5. For the Good of the order. Late announcements were:

a. Richard Derrick KI7EVS suggested the conduct of a 'skill survey' to create a pool of knowledgeable HAMS who favor one or more aspects of the hobby that could be a reference for new HAMS. Larry Werner KG7ZSB also added identification of what radios people are using would be a good reference.

b. Roger reminded all that 'get well' cards were available for signature and also to sign in on the attendance roster.

c. A member reported that he found a QRP device kit named Pixie on line for about \$2.50 or \$8-\$9 already assembled. Frank stated that he had demonstrated one a couple meetings ago.

6. Jack motioned to adjourn, it was seconded and the meeting was adjourned.