

Snohomish County HAMS Club  
General Membership Meeting  
Minutes  
22 July 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.

C. The President called for any announcements; none made.

3. Club reports:

A. Secretary's Report was made by Roger Hoot KF7WVT. He reported that the minutes of the May meeting had been posted on the Club website. He noted that there was one correction (which he identified) and requested a motion to approve the corrected minutes. Carl Maring W7CUB made a motion to accept the corrected minutes; that motion was seconded by Jess Ray AD7PZ. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved by a vote.

B. Treasurer's Report was made by Randy Mather AJ7B who stated that for the period 6/19/2017 through 7/16/2017, we had:

(1) Income of \$1372.00

(2) Expenses of \$857.27

(3) Balance of:

(a) Checking: \$6948.41

(b) Repeater Maintenance: \$483.07

(4) Investments

(a) Repeater Endowment: \$5,268.10

(b) General Investment: \$404.34

Roger Hoot KF7WVT made a motion to accept the report; the motion was seconded by Henry Poland KH6VM. There was no discussion and the report was accepted by vote. The president announced that the Club made almost \$1000 from the auction of donated equipment at Field Day. This was accomplished by Jim Blake who still had a few items unclaimed and unpaid for. They were on display in the back of the room.

C. Investment report: Loren Hole announced that the account with Scottrade was converted to a Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRIP) system.

D. Project Manager: position is unfilled

E. Tech committee: position is unfilled

F. Education committee: In the absence of the Chair, John Van Dalen N7AME and Henry Poland KH6VM reported that 11 people attended the class given 14-16 July. One of the students in attendance of the meeting gave a favorable report on the quality

of the class. All students passed the subsequent Technician Level test. There may be another class in September - TBD

G. VE Report was submitted by Randy Mather AJ7B who reported the results of three VE sessions as follows:

(1) 27 May: 5 tests administered that resulted in 3 Technicians

(2) 24 June 8 VE's administered 17 tests resulting in 9 Technicians and 1 general

(3) 16 June 6 VE's administered 17 tests resulting in 11 Technician Level HAMS

H. DX Report was submitted by Frank Remington K7GSE who stated that the bands were up and down. He announced that there is going to be a DXpedition to Buffet Island (near Antarctica), which is a rare location, going to happen in January 2018. There will be an Islands On The Air contest this weekend (22-23 July). Victor Harris KI7MMZ reported that a group of Russians were activating a station for IOTA purposes on one of their islands.

I. Events report: Dave Archer KA7RRA was not present

J. Quartermaster report: Steve Elli K7LKA announced that there would be a Cleaning Party of the storage trailer on or about 5 August. He will send an email announcement.

K. Field Day Report was submitted by Jim Ludden K7KFB (att to original Minutes and to be distributed by email). The item of greatest concern was the question of whether our primary objective is to garner points or simply have fun. This should be established early in the planning stage (next year). The president thanked Jess Ray AD7PZ for taking pictures of the Field Day, recording them on CD's and distributing them to the membership. The president solicited input to achieve more participation by members - there were only about 45 participants. Conflicting schedules was the basic reason identified. Frank Remington K7GSE expressed concern about the CERT station being co-located with the GOTA station - too much activity concentrated in a small space. Several members felt that the increased number of antennas was an improvement over past years. Some members felt that we could give more attention to satellite operations because there was a distinct interest. Jil Hatch WA7JIL summarized several comments that an 'ambassador' would be helpful to get people engaged in activities. Victor Harris KI7MMZ reinforced this idea with a suggestion for a 'doorman' role. Food preparation/delivery was greatly appreciated. Frank Remington suggested more familiarization with FD contesting rules prior to the event in order to not miss out on available points. The president encouraged everyone to participate. Our Field Day results (standings) are not available yet; will be in November QST issue

L. Scheduled Club Activities

(1) Lighthouse/Lightship in Mukilteo on 19-20 Aug: Kevin Lynch KG7CLD will lead with personal equipment from about 0730 to 2000 on Saturday in the band shelter. Everybody is welcome. Frank Remington K7GSE offered to bring his radio and join in.

(2) Salmon Run on 16-17 Sep: Barry Hatch WA7BAR volunteered to host this year's Salmon Run; Chris Wartes K7II is going operate a personal station at his QTH.

(3) Christmas Party on 9 Dec needs a coordinator. Jess Ray AD7PZ said his wife would like to help, but not lead.

M. Membership: The president announced the approval of one new member - Troy Labrum (no call). He expects some applications from graduates of the last few classes

N. Larry Warner KG7ZSB announced that the Snohomish County Search and Rescue group will be holding an 'Open House' on 19 August at Taylor Landing on the North side of Hwy 2 and the East side of Hwy 9 at 5506 Old Machias Road.

#### 4. Old Business

A. The president announced that the Board decided to dispose of a donated light trailer. A picture was circulated. Jim Ludden K7KFB asked why the Board made that decision without input from the Club membership. Larry stated that the Board considered that it was not going to be used for the purpose it was designed for and therefore became a liability. Barry Hatch WA7BAR said that liability was not a concern last year when we mounted two antennas on the antenna trailer. This year, the light trailer solved that risk and allowed for broader operations at FD. Henry Poland KH6VM made a motion to keep the light trailer. The president cited the By-laws which state that the Board will accept or decline all donations, and while they did not approve the acquisition, they decided to dispose of it. Jim Ludden K7KFB pointed out that it was recognized as an asset at a FD planning meeting and that there was no time to be reviewed by the Board. The president acknowledged that procedures were not followed but that we have an opportunity to sell it and use any profits to acquire a needed tower trailer. Frank Remington K7GSE reminded us that Ray Smith's offer included that he would loan it to the Club whenever needed. Jess Ray pointed out that we still are liable for damage/injury no matter who owns it if we have possession. Roger Hoot KF7WVT stated that the Board's consideration was that if retained, we have a maintenance/storage responsibility that few are willing to accept. Barry Hatch WA7BAR pointed out that we already have two trailers that are not presenting that problem. Jill Hatch WA7JIL pointed out that maintenance of the light trailer could be a 'project' of the Club. Kevin Lynch KG7CLD pointed out that the other trailers that we've acquired were designed for the purpose we needed, the light trailer is not. He agreed that we need

another tower trailer, but this item could be parlayed into funds to buy specifically what we need. Jil Hatch WA7LAW pointed out that acquisition of a structure has taken over three years to accomplish and still no results and this could suffer the same results. The Secretary re-read the motion to retain the light trailer; Barry Hatch WA7BAR seconded the motion and clarified that although the process of gaining possession was not correct, but the motion on the floor is to retain the trailer. Jess Ray AD7PZ pointed out that the Board is elected/empowered to make decisions for the benefit of the Club. Bob Wheeler KC7QT 'called the question'. That was seconded by Jim Hill W7ETE. A vote was taken by the Secretary calling the roll of attendees authorized to vote; the results were recorded by the President. The 'call the question' motion was approved without any Nays, thus stopping the discussion of the motion to retain the light trailer. A vote on the motion was conducted with results of 12 yes; 12 nay; and 3 abstain. The president broke the tie by voting nay, thus defeating the motion to retain. The president stated that unless an offer greater than the one made by Ray Smith KD7AVP is presented to the Club, it will be sold to him for \$200.

B. The President identified committee billets that were open:

- (1) Project Manager
- (2) Technical Committee
- (3) Investment Committee
- (4) Education Committee

The nomination committee is forming and elections for these vacancies will be held at the October meeting.

C. The president announced that Club policies are poorly recorded. At the beginning of the year, he was not aware of any however he has recently learned of two. He requested that if any policies are known, please advise him. He will hold a special Board meeting within a few weeks.

D. Good of the order: Victor Harris KI7MMZ needs help with connectors.

E. The president advised that we should have 1,3 and 5 year goals to help provide direction to Club activities. The Board needs to work on 'house-keeping' actions.

F. The nomination committee will be established to consider replacements for next year's board. Of significance, Kevin Lynch KG7CLD does not plan to run for office next year.

G. Victor Harris KI7MM asked if he needs permission to promote the Club and HAM at the National Night Out on 1 Aug

H. Jess Ray expressed concern about the participation of members. So few do so much that eventually they become 'burned out' and withdraw from active participation.

I. The 50/50 raffle draw was held: the winning ticket was #301073 held by Dennis Bradford W7DEB. The total amount collected from sales was \$124; Dennis Bradfor W7DEB donated his winnings back to the Club.

5. At 0931 the meeting was adjourned.

A post-meeting presentation on Logbook of the World was made by John Van Dalen 7NAME.

Submitted by:

Roger Hoot KF7WVT

Secretary