

Snohomish County HAMS Club
General Membership Meeting
Minutes
27 January 2018

1. The meeting was called to order at 0800 by the President, Rob Salsgiver.
2. Introductions.
 - A. There were a few visitors who introduced themselves:
 - (1) Dave KI7HFB
 - (2) Rich KI7QOI
 - (3) Josh
 - B. The membership introduced themselves
 - C. Announcements
 - (1) Next month's meeting will be in the room next door.
 - (2) The Ham of the Year award was presented by the president to Ray Smith KD7AVP. He received a citation, a plaque and a revolving trophy
3. Reports
 - A. The president proposed that some standard reports could be posted on the Club website. He requested any input. He also provided the results of the audit of bank account balances for 2017 (attached). He further announced that in the future, the Treasurer's Report will be posted on the website without further reading at the meeting.
 - B. The Treasurer, Randy Mather AJ7B added that special fund-raising actions will still be reported at the meeting. He added that we exceeded our income expectations last year by about \$3000. The president solicited ideas for property acquisition from the membership. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as posted on the website was made by Roger KF7WVT; seconded by Jess AD7PZ and approved by vote.
 - C. The Secretary, Roger Hoot KF7WVT reported that the minutes for the November (last) meeting had been posted on the Club website for about six weeks. Randy AJ7B made a motion to accept the minutes; it was seconded and approved by vote. There was a request to increase the size of font used on the report.
 - D. The president identified ARRL publicized DX expeditions. He asked if anyone wanted to take on the responsibility for providing DX expeditions info.
 - E. Randy Mather AJ7B provided the VE Report for the session held on 25 November 2017. He stated that there were 8 VE's who administered 13 tests to 10 candidates which resulted in the following:
 - (1) 4 Technician Licenses
 - (2) 3 General Licenses
- (3) 3 Extra Licenses
 - F. Jim Blake KD7JB announced that there would be a Technician class on 16-18 March. The locations is to be determined. He also asked who won the computer software program at the Christmas Party?
 - G. Loren Hole KK7M provided the Investment Committee Report. He stated that due to term expiration, Don Anderson AB7B has been replaced by Tom Hutchinson K7PKK on the Committee. He stated that most of the Club assets are invested in the repeater Endowment Fund to ensure that it remains operational forever.
 - H. Dave Cornell W9LD announced that there would be a Yagi tape measure antenna building clinic on Saturday 2 February at the Bakerview Apts. There is a \$20 fee and one of ten seats remaining open.

I. The EmComm report was provided by Richard Derrick KI7EVS who provided a status report on the Everett ACS progress in establishing a repeater. He encouraged Club members to join the ACS group. Jim Ludden KFKFB clarified that there both a City Emergency communication group and a County EmComm group. Victor Harris KI7MMZ asked if there is any Club plan to activate our equipment - the president provided a negative response with an explanation.

J. The DX report was provided by John Van Dalen N7AME who advised that a newly approved country is Kosovo Z6 which makes the total of 340. He also passed on a 'Thank You' from the Beverly Elementary School for our participation in their STEAM night.

k. Dave Archer KA7RRA said that there are two scheduled HamFests:

- (1) 17 February - Arizona
- (2) 10 March - Mike & Key in Puyallup

L. The Quartermaster report was provided by Steve Elli K7LKA who stated:

- (1) There are a couple of leaks in the Storage Trailer
- (2) The inventory of Club equipment is current

The president announced that we are trying to dispose of a 4400W generator that we don't need/use because it is too noisy and replace it with an ultra-quiet suitcase. Devin Ganger WA7DLG recommended that we auction it off. Richard Derrick KI7EVS suggested that the replacement be capable of dual fuel usage. This was an advisory announcement and no vote was conducted.

M. Daniel Wight KD7Lee spoke in behalf of the Net Control Group. There are only three NET controllers and more are needed. Similarly, the Dewey Digital NET only has two controllers. Rob advised that using EchoLink was a viable option if direct contact with the repeater cannot be made.

N. The Secretary announced the names of new Club Members:

- (1) Mark Andrews KI7EOT
- (2) Ken McCarthy KI7SXM
- (3) Ron Burdick KC6FJO
- (4) Tim Dunnigan KI7QNZ

O. At 0905, the President requested comments on what reports need to be made verbally at the meeting and which can be posted on the website. Nothing definitive was established.

A 10-minute break was taken

P. Randy Mather AJ7B announced that he would lead the Field Day (23-24 Jun) and 7QP field event (5-6 May). He explained his vision: these events are excellent Elmering opportunities as well as contesting practice and developing the ability to deploy. He will commence holding planning meetings in March. He can be contacted directly at email: fieldcoord@wa7law.org.

4. Old Business

A. The President introduced a proposed change to the Club By-laws, previously approved by the Board and presented to the Club at the November meeting, that clarifies the length of service by a Board Member appointed by the president when a vacancy occurs. A motion was made by Jess Ray AD7PZ to make the following change: in paragraph 3.9.0 after the word ... until, delete 'the next regular election' and replace with 'that seat's term ends.' The motion was seconded and approved by vote.

B. The president requested any photos from the Beverly Elementary School STEAM night. He reminded everyone about the Westgate School STEAM night on 2 February.

5. New Business

- A. The president requested that members identify interests on the list being sent around the room. He specifically asked about creating a 'contest' group.
 - B. He identified the need to improve/expand our 'RF foot print' in the county through our repeater.
6. Calendar of Events: The president announced the following events:
- A. Westgate Elementary School - 2/2/18
 - B. Mike & Key Fleamarket - 3/10/18
 - C. 7QP - 5/5-6/18
 - D. Stanwood/Camano swap meet - 5/12/18
 - E. Field Day - 6/23-24/18
 - F. ILLW: Kevin Lynch KG7CLD advised that this year, we may consider a Light House on Whidbey Kevin is the Point of Contact
 - F. Salmon Run - 9/15-16/18
 - G. Christmas Party -12/15/18
7. Raffle: The raffle ticket picked by Steve Elli K7LKA was #301446. The 'pot' was valued at \$84, so the winner received \$42. The winner was Jim Grieco KI7MMY, who donated the winnings to the repeater endowment fund.
8. There was some discussion about the development of tools to identify the 'pirate' who has been disrupting transmissions which is on the rise.
9. The president announced the 'after meeting' presentation about grounding to be delivered by Dennis Bradford W7DEB.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 0940.

Submitted by
Roger KF7WVT
Secretary