

Snohomish County Hams Club

General Membership Meeting

Minutes

October 26, 2019

1. The meeting was called to order at 0800 by the President, David Cornell.
2. Introductions
 - A. The President made a call for first time visitors. There were none identified.
 - B. The membership introduced themselves.
3. Announcements:
 - A. Following the meeting, we will have a presentation by Jim Hill NJ5DX, president elect, on the subject of Automatic Packet Reporting System.
 - B. VE testing will commence at 1000 in this same room.
 - C. The President announced the 50/50 raffle. Tickets will be on sale until 0845. The drawing will be held at 0900.
4. Reports
 - A. Secretary's Report - Roger Hoot announced that the minutes of the last meeting (September 2019) had been corrected once and the corrected copy was posted on the Club website. He requested approval of the posted minutes. A motion was made by Jim Hill to accept the minutes, it was seconded by Randy Mather and approved by vote.
 - B. Treasurer's report – Randy Mather announced that the monthly treasurer's report had been posted on the Club website. A motion was made by Roger to accept the report as posted; it was seconded by Jim Hill and approved by vote.
 - C. The President called on the coordinator for the Christmas party to provide any updates. Rich Leavitt K17QOI announced the location as Lion's Hall in Forest Park, Everett. The hours of the Party are 1600 to 2200 on 14 December including set-up and tear-down. Rich is asking for volunteers to help develop this project. He will be generating emails through the reflector. Victor suggested that we get the city to improve lighting in that park. It is estimated that the party will start at 1800. Loren asked about a 'talk-in' station. Randy announced that the entrance fee remains the same as last year: \$5 per person, up to \$15 for a family. Tickets will be available for sale at the next membership meeting (Nov). Renewed membership can also be purchased next month.
 - D. Randy Mather provided the VE report: There were two test sessions conducted with the following results:

On 28 September, with 7 VE's administering 10 tests to 7 candidates resulting in:

 - (1) 5 new HAMS at the Technician level
 - (2) 1 new HAMS at the General level
 - (3) 1 upgrade from the General Level to Extra

On 20 October, with 3 VE's administering 6 tests to 3 candidates resulting in 3 Technicians upgrading to General class.
 - E. Education Report was made by Jim Blake who stated that there was a General class held over two weekends, starting on October 12. Extensive feedback was requested of the 3 graduates to improve the presentation of the course. The use of private residences for practical hands-on demonstration was very successful but may be limited in the future due to facility size constraints. He anticipates the conduct of a Technician class in January if he can combine two groups who have contacted him.
 - F. John Van Dalen reported that he attended the JOTA event at Fire Mt. which was wet and cold.
 - G. The Coordinator for next year's (2020) Field Day (Curt Green) announced his first planning meeting will be held at Alfy's in Snohomish on 7 November at 1730.
 - H. Round Table:
 - (1) New repeater acquisition (3) was announced by the President. Jim Hill stated that we need additional sites and antennas to accommodate the additional equipment. Meg reminded everyone that Rob had described this equipment purchase in detail on the Club reflector and commended the Board for taking advantage of the availability opportunity. Several members made complimentary comments about the increased capability this will provide the Club. There was a general exchange of information about space requirements and site availability and power requirements. The following offers were made to the Club:

(a) Carl Maring offered his property on top of Fire Trail Hill, including a second story of a carport for a site for free.

(b) Don Mittelstaedt offered his tower for reasonable compensation

(c) Jerry Carscadden N7WAV said that his 10-story work site might be available

(d) Meg Engelter offered her 5 acres in Marysville for a site

(e) Jack Rookaird reinforced the value of Carl's offer since it was a previously identified ideal location.

(2) Hospital parking will require payment starting next week. It was suggested that we request some form of dispensation through validation. The President suggested that the Board contact Tom Hutchinson to seek relief from parking fees. John Van Dalen reported that street parking on the streets around the Hospital is available.

5. The 50/50 raffle drawing was held. The pot was worth \$73 with half value being \$37 to the winner. Ticket number 5443 was drawn which was held by Jim Blake. He kept \$5 and donated the rest back to the Club.

6. The President announced that we will have a presentation by Jim Hill on APRS.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 0845.

Submitted by Roger Hoot KF7WVT
Secretary