

# Snohomish County Hams Club

## General Membership Meeting

### Minutes

November 23, 2019

1. The meeting was called to order at 0800 by the Vice President, David Somers.
2. Introductions
  - A. The Vice President made a call for first time visitors. There were none identified.
  - B. The membership introduced themselves.
3. Announcements:
  - A. Following the meeting, there will not be a presentation. There will be a meeting for Christmas Party volunteers
  - B. Ray Smith (Quartermaster) announced the 50/50 raffle. He stated that funds from the sale of tickets are split between the Club and the winner. 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 (October 2019) had been 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 Vice 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 and John Van Dalen N7AME conducted a walk-through of the facility and developed a floor plan. He described the 'white elephant' gift exchange; suggesting that the gift be valued at about \$20. He particularly requested an EMCEE. He circulated two volunteer sign-up sheets for set-up and food to bring. He requested a projector. He stated that the Club will provide deli meat and eating utensils. Jess Ray suggested that there didn't seem to be enough tables (12). John said that there were 72 sitting spaces.
  - D. Randy Mather provided the VE report: There was one test session conducted with the following results:

On 26 October, with 5 VE's administering 11 tests to 8 candidates resulting in:

    - (1) 5 new HAMS at the Technician level
    - (2) 2 Technicians that upgraded to the General level
    - (3) 1 upgrade from the General Level to Extra
  - E. Education Report was made by Jim Blake who stated that there was positive feedback about the General class. There will be a Technician class on 10 January. He has received significant inquiries.
  - F. Roger announced that there were three new members since the last meeting: Charles Ihler AC0GD, Ed Sershan N7PHY and Dave Schlicher WH6DAP. He also identified two new Life Members: Anne Garay K2MTN and Meg Engelter KC7WWO.
  - G. Round Table:
    - (1) Blake Walsh asked about recommendations for an HF transceiver. There were lots of suggestions and considerations provided.
    - (2) After a comment by Henry Poland about using the repeater for the Sunday Night Net, there was some discussion about some problems with the repeater. Many people provided 'symptoms' that they had encountered. Henry said he would investigate.
    - (3) John Van Dalen inquired about any plans to support the Science Night of Westlake Elementary School. No one had any information other than it usually happens in February.
  - H. The Vice President advised that the Board is dealing with developing a policy for loaning out Club equipment to Club members. Ray provided more detail concerning the need for a detailed policy. He's drafted an inventory template but welcomes suggestions.
  - I. Jim Blake advised that he has developed a proposed list of Club gifts for the Christmas Party and needs to get approval from the Board. He will pursue that by email.
  - J. The Vice President also advised that a committee will be formed by the Board to update the by-laws.

K. Randy announced that an annual audit of the Treasurer's records will be conducted at his house on 18 January. Anyone that wants to observe or participate should contact him. He'll advise the time.

5. The 50/50 raffle drawing was held. The pot was worth \$57 with half value being \$29 to the winner. Ticket number 5359 was drawn which was held by Bob Wheeler KC7QT

6. The President announced that we will not have a presentation but there will be a meeting of the Christmas Party committee now and the VE testing at 1000.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 0848.

Submitted by Roger Hoot KF7WVT  
Secretary