

Snohomish County Hams Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting

0800 May 23, 2020

1. The meeting was called to order at 0800 by the President Ray Smith KD7AVP.
2. Welcome
 - A. Zoom Etiquette and Protocols (Ray KD7AVP)
 - a. First & Last Name plus Call Sign in Screen Name
 - b. Keep yourself muted unless you are called upon to speak
 - c. Use the Hand Raising function in Zoom if you want to speak. The moderator will be watching for raised hands.
 - B. Introduction of replacement Executive Board Members
 - a. President – Ray Smith KD7AVP
 - b. Board Member at Large – Tim Kephart KJ7AKV
3. Reports
 - A. Secretary's Report - Anne K2MTN announced that the minutes of the last meeting in February 2020 had been posted on the Club website. She requested approval of the posted minutes. A motion was made (by Dave KI7DPP) to accept the minutes as posted; It was seconded (by Wade KI7AVS) and approved by vote.
 - B. Treasurer's report – Randy AJ7B announced that the monthly treasurer's report had been posted on the Club website. A motion was made to accept the report as posted (by John N7AME); it was seconded by (Dave KI7DPP) and approved by vote.
 - C. Randy AJ7B provided the VE report for February Tests after the Membership Meeting. 6 people were tested, 13 tests given:
 - 2 new Technicians
 - 1 upgrade from Tech to General
 - 2 upgrades to Extra Class
 - D. Randy also said that No Exams have happened since February due to Covid restrictions. We have had requests for tests, but we looked into how to do that remotely and it is very complicated to administer tests remotely. We decided to wait until we can get together live.
 - E. Jim Blake KD7JB was not available...so RayKD7AVP gave an update for Education. We are on hold for now. It is extremely difficult to do classes and testing by Remote Video session. The requirements are very difficult. So, we are waiting until we can get together in person but spread out. Phase 3 or Phase 4 we will see if we can do it live and in person.

4. Old Business

- A. Anne K2MTN gave a report of new members. Mary O'Farrell KE7FQT is a new member and she is here today.
- B. Instead of Going Around the Room---Anne K2MTN read a list of the members attending today with Call Signs using the attendance sheet and the names listed in the participants window.
- C. Password Change August 1st (Anne K2MTN).
- a. The new password will be sent to Paid Members on 7/31/2020.
 - b. The password change happens 8/1/2020.
 - c. Members should check the "Members Only" section for a list of "Paid Members for 2020" to verify whether you are listed as paid for this year or not.
 - d. If you have any questions or issues please email Anne K2MTN at Secretary@wa7law.org
- D. 7QP (7th Call Area QSO Party) report by Tim KI7AKV. The 7QP website score sheet is nothing but Call Signs...so he hopes he got them all.
- a. John-Chris-Matt placed 1 of 1 in the 7th Area Mobile Multi-single Low Mixed with a multiplier of 41, total score 12,833pts, 3 CW, 152 phone contacts
 - b. Jill & Barry Hatch did Multi-single Mode and placed 2 of 4 with a multiplier of 20, 6,080 pts with 152 phone contacts.
 - c. Rob and Shelly Salsgiver placed 6 of 7 in 7th Area Multi Multi with a multiplier of 49, total points 53,606 with 547 phone contacts.
 - d. The Club (Randy, Henry, Ken Greff, Tim) placed 4 of 5 in 7th Area Multi Single Low with a multiplier of 17, total score 3,791 pts, with 5 CW, 62 phone, 21 psk31 contacts.
- E. Field Day 2020 report by Curt N7OBI. He has been following the Governor's website, emails, and Proclamations. Several counties have gone to Phase 2 but Snohomish County is not even eligible yet. So, getting to Phase 3 where 50 people can get together is pushed out to the end of June...So, it appears that we won't be able to get together in the Park like we planned.
- a. One alternative idea would be to do a limited operation at Barry Hatch's house with the Tower and one radio with 2 people at a time for 1 hour shifts. Curt and the organizers would wipe down everything in between people and people would bring their own folding chair...and social distancing stuff. Email Curt Green N7OBI if you are interested in this. It would be a lot of work for Curt and a few helpers but if there is interest, then they will consider it.
 - b. Second idea is to map out the frequencies and make a Club Plan to share them from 70cm – 80 meters. Club members would have a high likelihood of success in contacts. The ARRL is suggesting this to get new people on the air.

c. If you have any ideas for how to do Field Day and want to participate in Field Day...Send Curt an email and he will see if we have enough interest. Curt Green at n7obi@comcast.net

Ray gave thanks to Curt for his efforts because his job got a lot more difficult with the recent restrictions...and encouraged members to send ideas for how we can do this.

F. Repeater Update

a. New Repeaters - Rob NR30...No real progress on the new repeaters. We have the parts, cables, and the software for the Motorolas but family events and covid restrictions have intervened.

b. Old Repeaters – Henry KH6VM ---No Henry today.

5. New Business

A. John N7AME announced that about a month ago we got an email from a Family and he received 4 boxes of donations from the Estate Sale of Kenneth Zeller KG7FEX of Lynnwood. They are in John's garage and available for anyone interested at no cost. John has a list of the major items which is 1-1/2 pages which he can email to Club Members. Call John at (425) 280-6396 to see these items in his garage.

B. Tom Smith K7AFA and Sharon Smith KF7YJW, who now live in Arizona (moved 3 years ago) and are members of the Green Valley Radio Club (130 members...Tom is president this year),...wanted to say hi to everyone and say they hope to visit WA in August if conditions permit.

C. Dave Cornell W9LD, who is in Boise Idaho for now, says Hi and sends Best Wishes to All and Thank you to the Sno Cty Club for the nice Horizontal Loop Antenna to help get his station set up in Boise. He can do 40, 20, and 15 meter.

6. The President announced that we would have a "Discussion of the use of Zoom for our meetings" after the meeting is over. How did it go? What can we do to improve the next meeting?

19. The meeting was adjourned at 08:30am. Moved by Anne K2MTN, second by John N7AME, passed by vote.

The Discussion Included the following:

Michael Hill WA7MPH suggested using a Weblink or Video Camera Demo for a presentation

Anne K2MTN requested that anyone who wants to do a presentation to contact Secretary@wa7law.org

Dave KI7DPP said that in Zoom it is pretty easy to share your screen. So, it would be easy to do a presentation.

Jim Hill NJ5DX said thanks for the support and friendship. This will be his last meeting in Everett before heading East & South. He will continue participating in the Sunday night net by EchoLink. His Address has been updated on the Roster on the Club Website. Jim is moving to Lake Hills at the north end of Lake Medina and they have 6 acres...So, lots of room for antennas.

John N7AME mentioned "<http://youtubershampfest.com/>they were talking about a lot of things. One thing is a photo stick to organize photos.

Dave Cornell W9LD volunteered to do a presentation on putting together an HF Stations from Scratch. He will need to do that presentation in October because he realized after the fact that he left it on his computer in Edmonds. We will look forward to hearing it in October or around then.

Rich Leavitt AG7XY said if you are interested in DMR there is a app for your cell phone for Listening to it called "DROID-Star" for android...not sure if iphones have an option.

James Wells KJ7ARR said DMR has been really active with 10 different nets each week and it covers all of OR, WA, ID, and MT

John N7AME mentioned 10 meters is open for Technicians and 6 meters but 6 isn't very good right now. WA7BNM Contest Calendar... has a website with contests for the next week.

Steve Burling KJ7YL and James Wells KJ7ARR gave the website for PNW-DMR which is "<http://pnwdigital.net/>"

Submitted by Anne Garay K2MTN