Snohomish County Hams Club (SCHC)

Minutes for the General Membership Meeting

Saturday, July 23, 2022, 10:30 AM **Everett Public Library Hybrid Zoom / In-Person**

Called to order: 10:44 am.

- 1. Welcome by President Kerry (KC7YL)
 - a. Zoom Etiquette and Protocols
 - b. We will be recording this Zoom meeting and sending it out for members to watch. If you have any concerns about being recorded, we wanted to make you aware so that you can turn off your video if you wish. We were not able to record the meeting.
 - c. First Time Visitors/Guests
 - i. Presenter Mel Granick KS2G
 - ii. Brien Akers KK7DUB
- 2. Secretary's Report by Anne K2MTN. Per Meg KC7WWO, the minutes have not been prepared for May.
- 3. Treasurer's Report by Randy AJ7B. June and July treasurer's reports have been posted to the website. They were also presented on the screen for brief review.
 - a. A motion by Roger KF7WVT was made to accept the report as presented, it was seconded by James KJ7ARR, there was no discussion, it was approved by unanimous vote, motion carries.
- 4. VE Report by Randy AJ7B. After last meeting, May 22, 2022, there were five people who took tests producing four new Technicians and one General (upgrade from Technician).
- 5. Education report by Jim KD7JB. Per Kerry KC7YL, there is no report at this time as there has been no activity.
- 6. New member introduction by Meg KC7WWO. Welcome to Stan Smith KJ7SPK, Jim Lewis, and Mike Alf WG7G.
- 7. Repeater Update by Henry KH6VM. Henry asked if there were any known outages. No one brought up any issues.

8. Old Business

- a. Secretary (by Kerry KC7YL) The Board voted for Meg Engelter KC7WWO to take the position of Secretary for the remainder of the 2022 term with Anne K2MTN as an assistant to her. Thank you to Meg for her service to the Club.
- b. AV Crew Member (by Kerry KC7YL) We would like to have another AV volunteer crew member. We currently have Eric KI7ZYC, Michael AF7KB, and Kenn W7SLW.
- c. Net Control (by Kerry KC7YL) We are down to three net controllers for the Sunday Evening Net. We also have a net controller in training. Training is available for anyone interested.

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9. New Business

- a. <u>Posting Board Minutes to Members Only section on Club website</u> (Kerry KC7YL). The Board voted to start posting the Board Minutes to the Members Only section of the website for greater transparency for the members.
- b. <u>By-Laws update for Secretary</u> (Kerry KC7YL). A special committee of the Board made up of Kerry, Meg, and Anne is working on a By-Laws update proposal which would break the Secretary position duties into two positions which would be called the "Secretary" and the "Membership Director". We hope to have the Board vote on the proposal in August and then be able to bring it to a vote of the club membership at the August meeting if all goes well.
- c. \$500 one time Scholarship Donation to ARRL in Memory of Lorna Hole (Kerry KC7YL). The Board voted to seek approval from the membership for a one time Scholarship Donation to ARRL in Memory of Lorna Hole. The Board is presenting this to the Membership for a vote. There was no additional discussion, it was approved by unanimous vote, motion carries.
- d. \$73 to sponsor Salmon Run Award Plaque (Kerry KC7YL). We received an email from the Salmon Run organizers saying, they are adding some new awards this year to stimulate activity in the contest and wondered if we would like to sponsor the "1st WA Station to work all 49 states and 8 Canadian Multipliers" for the 2022 Salmon Run. The cost for our Club to sponsor that award would be \$73 for the plaque and shipping.
 - i. Discussion Board had not discussed this yet as the information was recently received. Opened up to the membership for discussion.
 - ii. A motion was made by Phyllis KI7OYP to sponsor the Salmon Run as presented, it was seconded by Meg KC7WWO, there was no additional discussion, and it was approved by unanimous vote. Motion carries.
- e. <u>Volunteers needed for Nominating Committee</u> (Kerry KC7YL). It is time to start preparing for club elections.
 - i. Dennis W7DEB, nominating committee lead, spoke sharing that if you would like to be on the committee, would like to run for a position, or have any questions, please contact Kerry KC7YL or himself. There will be positions up for vote due to by-laws or open positions, including President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director Position 3. Later this fall, we will have elections. The past couple years, we have had a difficult time filling positions; so, if we have difficulty this year, the vote will take place when we have nominations.
- f. New Business Query to Members (Kerry KC7YL)
 - i. Roger KF7WVT Is a new meeting location being considered?

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- Michael AF7KB shared that Yes, another location is being considered that has available space, where we can perform VE testing, have our 50/50 raffle, and is free.
 - a. We currently have two options that fill the criteria, one in Arlington and one in Everett. Both would work; however, we need to consider the pros and cons of each.
- 2. Kerry KC7YL added that she is very concerned and we are working on another location.
- ii. Randy AJ7B There appears to be three members that are not licensed. How can the club assist them?
 - 1. Michael AF7KB shared that they will be providing one of their books to one and the other two have recently become licensed. The roster needs to be updated to reflect their call signs.

10. Adjourn (Kerry KC7YL)

a. A motion was made by Michael AF7KB to adjourn, it was seconded by Roger KF7WVT, there was no additional discussion, and it was approved by unanimous vote. Motion carries.

25 Attendees (italics indicates attended by Zoom [9])

President Kerry Burnette KC7YL Vice President Tim Kephart KJ7AKV Treasurer Randy Mather AJ7B

Secretary Meg Engelter KC7WWO and assisting Secretary Anne Garay K2MTN

Director 1 Eric Worden KI7ZYC
Director 2 Michael Burnette AF7KB
Director 3 Kenn Rich W7SLW
Trustee Henry Poland KH6VM

KD7JB JimAI7DT GaryKK7CEA GordonW7DEB DennisKI7MMZ Victor and DennisN7AME JohnKJ7YL SteveKF7WVT RogerKJ7ARR JamesKE7YFI AlanWA7MPH MichaelKC7YE JackKK7DUB BrienKE7FQJ Mary

KJ7SPK Stan

Respectfully submitted Meg Engelter, KC7WWO SCHC Secretary

AB7RK Gary

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**The Presentation today is about "Basics of HF Operating" by Mel Granick KS2G...Here is a short bio about him.

First licensed in 1977 as a Novice, Mel Granick upgraded to Technician, General and Advanced class licenses within six months and has been an Amateur Extra since 1981. He's been active in numerous aspects of Amateur Radio ranging from traffic handling to the early use of packet radio. With a modest station consisting of a 100 watt transceiver, 3-element tri-bander and 40/80 dipole up just 35 feet, he's been successful as a DX'er (DXCC-250+ and 4BDXCC), awards chaser (5BWAS) and one of the leading contesters in the 2nd Call Area, repeatedly placing in the top ten among U.S. low-power single operators in the *CQ World Wide DX, CQ World Wide WPX* and *ARRL 10-Meter* contests. Mel is a seasoned DX and contest operator and will guide you through the HF bands, modes, propagation, on-air procedures, and using rig controls to get the most out of your HF transceiver.