

1/25 January 25, 2014 Meeting Minutes
General meeting

Dave WA7DGW called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM in the Rainier Room of Providence Medical Center. Visitors and members introduced themselves.

REPORTS

Treasurer's report: Tom Smith K7AFA gave the Treasurer's Report. Totals are on record sheet with the minutes.

Secretary:: Motion to approve minutes from November 2013 was seconded and passe.

VE report: No test session since November 2013. Loren gave summary report for 2013. Housing authority to hold test sessions at Bakerview Apartment is tentative, pending decision by Housing Authority.

Tech report: Steve KJ7YL reported that upgrades to repeater are complete, including repeater convenience. Thanks to members who helped with improvement. Board has moved to develop a remote receiver site independent of John Fortier N7WDF.

Emcomm Report: Bob Wheeler had no report. Rob N3RO mentioned a major exercise by Snohomish County DEM. Meetings at other locations were mentioned.

DX report: Frank K7GSE said bands have been good, including ten meter openings. DXpeditions were identified, including a rare one in Indian Ocean off Africa. Other rare ones is planned for Oct and Nov 2014. Portable W1AW operations are occurring owing to

Project: Dave passed around a list for the CW Code Practice Oscillator, which will meet as a group in February.

OLD BUSINESS:

Club storage trailer: Rob N3RO described the Board's opinion at the moment. Insurance cost is the current issue. We are looking for organizations which have a satisfactory policy for group ownership. The project is on hold until we pin down this detail. Ken KE7ND shared information on the cost to purchase fixed storage containers, an alternative to a trailer. Loren suggested the possibility of sharing storage of a larger unit 50/50 with another organization.

Field Day: Jim Blake will be coordinator for 2014. The Committee will attempt to meet at Alf's Pizza on Tuesday or Wednesday. The event will be at Harborview, provided the City of Everett approves. Dave Crosby's equipment will be available. Willis Tucker Park is backup location. Trading work for payment of fees works for both parks. Group help was great in 2013.

Tee Shirts: Ken KE7ND needs more sign ups to reach price break point (30) for shirt cost.

West Gate Elementary School Science Fair: Ken KE7ND is project liaison for the Club. The Board approved \$100 to build 20 more oscillators for the Fair on February 6ths. Jim suggested that the Club bring an HF station to set up for the event. Handheld radios demonstrate sending of emails via digital radio techniques. Rob has two D-Star handheld radios to contribute to the demonstration.

Audit Committee: Rob NR3O will assist with account information. Books need work to balance before Committee begins work. Volunteers still welcome.

NEW BUSINESS:

Repeater: Jim K7KFB described an interaction on the repeater. Identity of the other station (KW7KXS) was not identifiable on QRZ.com. FCC source did not confirm it either. Be aware that there is likely a bootlegger there, asking for a "radio check."

LDS Church: Rob NR3O wishes to hold weekly net on the Club Repeater following our Sunday evening net. Board approved the idea. Members be aware of this proposed use. The Church is interested in use for EmComm purposes too. We are urged to encourage added repeater use.

Security: Tom N7PKK mentioned that we need to watch room security when leaving the room. Equipment was stolen after our meeting last time. Last person to leave should secure the room before leaving.

Boy Scouts: Tom N7PKK, said that, on March 8 and April 26, Boy Scouts will work on merit badges, including radio. Contact Tom for added information. Members are invited to participate and become certified for Boy Scout counseling.

Calendar:

West Gate Elementary School Science Fair, Feb 6, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Mic and Key Ham fest, Puyallup, March 8

Stanwood - Camano Hamfest, April 11

7QP May 3-4

Field Day, Harborview Park, June 27-28-29 (no Club meeting)

No program this month. Next month Rob NR3O will speak about HAMWAN, a wide band cellular structure around Puget Sound.

Respectfully submitted
Dave Cornell, W9LD, Secretary

Approved
Dave Williamson, WA7DGW, President