

2/22 February 22, 2014 Meeting Minutes
General meeting

Ken KE7ND called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM in the Rainier Room of Providence Medical Center. Visitors, including Corey Ruud WA7CMR, and members introduced themselves.

Dave Williamson lost his house on Wednesday in a fire.

REPORTS

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

Secretary:: Motion to approve minutes from January 25, 2014 was seconded and passed.

VE report: Jess KAD7PZ reported that nine people came and took a total of 14 tests.

Education report: Jim K7KFB. Classes are coming on March 13. See WA7LAW for details.

Audit report: The audit is still on hold

Tech report: Steve visited KJ7YL mentioned Carl's (W7CUB) place as a possible site for the link repeater. He would like to take a 440 machine out to test. He hopes to install Echolink by April.

Emcomm Report: Bob Wheeler KC7QT reported that DEM now has a helicopter video link that they are testing. They also purchased a new vehicle to replace "porky."

DX report: Frank K7GSE said that the bands have been quiet lately, but are starting to recover to normal. March 1-2 is the ARRL DX Phone Contest. Ten meters had been active as a reminder to techs.

Group Project: Ken KE7ND reported in Dave W9LD's absence. Five code oscillators were built as a project. Discussion about the next project might be a patch box for Field Day antenna switching. Ken also congratulated Dave on his stealth antenna project published in the QST.

OLD BUSINESS:

Club storage unit: Ken KE7ND quoted prices for a cargo trailer in the range of \$1800 to \$2400. The trailer plan is still in process. Bob Wheeler asked about insurance on the trailer. Discussion indicated that insurance is not going to be available for that type of situation.

Field Day: Jim Blake KD7JB called for the next Field Day planning meeting on Tuesday Feb 25th at Alf's at 6 PM. Meetings will be about every 3 weeks. There will also a short meeting after the club meeting. Jim brought a lot of examples of ways to shield your radio. EMI shielding with EMI mylar bags, tape, humbugger paint and tape that could lower your noise by two S-units.

Tee Shirts: Ken KE7ND has collected over \$200 so far. Keep the orders coming.

West Gate Elementary School Science Fair: Ken KE7ND had 14 code oscillators available at the fair, but had 20 oscillators on order that didn't make it on time. The school said that they would pay for the material next year if we did it again.

NEW BUSINESS:

LDS Church is active on the repeater at 8 PM after our Ham Club net. Their use of the repeater has been approved by the Board.

Boy Scouts: Tom N7PKK will give a presentation for certification to whoever can make it.

Next Meeting: The March 22nd meeting will be in the Cascade room, instead of the Rainier Room.

Calendar:

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)

SEAPAC is the first weekend in June at Seaside, Oregon.

Program: No Program was held. The March program will be "Demystifying Echolink", by Dave W9LD

Respectfully submitted

Paul Erickson, Secretary pro-tem

Approved

Dave Williamson, WA7DGW, President