

08/24 August 2013 Meeting Minutes
General meeting

Rob NR3O 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: Sharon Elward expects to email Treasurer's Report later. Rob reported that signatures have been changed at BECU.

Minutes from Club meeting on July 27, 2013 have been available for member inspection on the Club website. Minutes to approve them passed unanimously.

VE session. Loren KK7M said seven examiners outnumbered the six applicants. One test taker failed, and 3 Techs, one General, and one Extra class applicant passed. There will be a test session today at 10 AM at Bakerview Apartments as usual.

Education. Jim K7KFB said that one inquirer would like a class in which Sunday was not involved. He is preparing for a class in October, and will try to accommodate teachers and class. Bothell Fire Department will host a class in November. Our classes will be posted on the ARRL.org website. Loren mentioned that interest was discovered among local Rotarians.

Tech Report: Steve Burling said that the repeater is working fine, except for occasional long squelch tails. He has upgraded firmware to version 6. We are waiting for Jon Fortier to decide upon further developments. Rob reported on Board discussions concerning holes in repeater coverage over the county. Echolink could provide coverage for those in areas with marginal RF coverage. Straw poll of members revealed about a dozen in favor of adding Echolink access to the repeater.

EmComm: Ole W7OLE was not present.

DX report. According to Frank K7GSE, JH1AJT opened Myanmar, but Frank found the pileups were hard to penetrate. DXpeditions to this country are being planned. Malaysia celebrates an anniversary with callsign 9M2SE. Band conditions have been mercurial with solar flares interrupting them. XYL's convened in Greenland at OX5YL, and Shelly Salsgiver and Alexis Williamson worked that station during our ILLW activity.

Group project. Dave W9LD invited more participants in the club group building project to make cubical quad antennas for two meters on Saturday, September 7, at 9:00 AM at W9LD's home. Rob mentioned possible project involvement by building an amplifier kit project.

ILLW Report: Jim described our joint venture with Cascade Radio Club under special event callsign W7M. A special QSL has been designed. Conditions on HF were poor most of the day on Saturday. Jack Rookaird operated with Eric AD7BF on the ship Swiftsure in drydock by Lake Union. Actually, setup occurred in galley of a tugboat under cramped conditions. Human interaction with visitors predominated over radio conditions. Jack was asked if he would be willing to renovate the radio shack

on the ship, but he has not committed to it. That project would require more than one person, owing to its size.

OLD BUSINESS:

Elections: Rob reminded the Club that elections will happen at the September meeting. He invited nominations for all open positions. Rob repeated nominees' names.

Storage project: About \$750 has been collected so far to support a Club storage system. More fund raising will occur on a matching basis. Rob reminded us that most Club properties store at his place, a growing burden. Consolidating storage eases setup and takedown times. Two questions pose themselves: 1) What size trailer do we want? And 2) Do we prefer a new or used unit? Answers to both impact the budget. Paul Erickson proposed a mechanism for fund raising by selling some of his equipment, proceeds to go to the fund. He could set up wares for sale at the Mic and Key or Stanwood Hamfest. Dale Heaton mentioned issues to consider in purchase, including size, shape, and cost. Jim suggested posting information about equipment for sale and fund-raising on WA7LAW.org. Posting equipment for sale and fund benefit on the website hit a responsive chord with others in the discussion. People with equipment information for the website should send the information to Rob NR3O via email.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Calendar of events:

Historic Flight commemoration, N7P, August 31, 9AM-5PM, Paine Field (Jack Rookaird) operating 20 and 40 SSB for the most part. Digital mode will be available.

Salmon Run, September 21-22, club operating as WA7LAW. Ericksons offer operation option from their ham shack. Jack KC7YE will operate from Pacific County.

Jamboree on the Air (JOTA), October 19-20. Tom Hutchinson N7PKK. Regarding scouting activities, counsel training is needed for some positions with the scouts. Tell Tom if you will attend a counseling class with Tom in November.

Tom, K7AKI, became silent key recently, according to Frank K7GSE.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted
Dave Cornell W9LD, Secretary

Approved
Rob Salsgiver NR3O, President