

Snohomish County Hams Club

General Membership Meeting

Minutes

January 25, 2020

1. The meeting was called to order at 0800 by the President, Jim Hill NJ5DX.

2. Introductions

A. The President made a call for first time visitors. There were lots.

Gary Nevins KF7NFB

Jeff Weinstock (CSP)

Doug Walker KJ7KZE

Sean Olson KJ7KEL

Kirsten Querriera

Patrick Klaus KJ7LST

Harry Wood KJ7LVD

Dave Holloway W3JDH

Jason (?) former MARS operator Navy

Allie Hamel KI7ZEM (current Navy)

J. Lynn Ludtka KJ7LSK

Christina Oakes

David Oakes

B. The membership introduced themselves.

3. Announcements:

A. Following the meeting there will be a discussion instead of a presentation.

B. VE testing will commence at 1000 in this same room.

C. The President announced the 50/50 raffle. Tickets will be on sale until 0845. The drawing will be held at 0900.

4. Reports

A. Secretary's Report - Roger Hoot announced that the minutes of the last meeting (November 2019) had been posted on the Club website. He requested approval of the posted minutes. A

motion was made by Victor to accept the minutes, it was seconded by Randy Mather and approved by vote. The President encourage all to read the minutes.

B. Treasurer's report – Randy Mather announced that the monthly treasurer's report had been posted on the Club website. A motion was made to accept the report as posted; it was seconded and approved by vote.

Randy also announced that on 1/18/2020 the annual Audit was conducted. Several people were in attendance: Jim Hill, Ray Smith, Mark Simpkins and Roger Hoot. There were no discrepancies.

C. Jim Blake gave an update for Education

A Tech Class was given 10 - 12 January 2020

The next Tech Class will be 20 - 22 March 2020. He will post info on the website.

There will be a General Class this year. Jim will update everyone as it is developed.

D. Randy Mather provided the VE report: There were 27 tests administered for 15 candidates and 14 passed

E. Roger Hoot gave a report of new members. There were 4 and they are Donovan Rieger, Earl Brigham, Dave Walker, and Jennifer Blake who upgraded from Family member to Regular

F. Our President announced that the recipient of the Ham of the Year had been selected and the winner is Roger Hoot for 2019. The award was started in 1991 and has been going on for 28 years.

G. Events coming up include Westgate Elementary on Friday 2/21

Setup starts at 5:00pm and the event is 6:30 – 8:30pm

Several volunteers have already signed up but the event needs a Coordinator. Jim Blake said that he would be willing to do the Coordinator position if 2 people who have never been a coordinator of an event before would volunteer.

H. 7QP – Tim Kephart is Coordinator

Meetings will be combined with Field Day meetings and the next one is

Thursday 2/6 at Alf's 5:30 – 6:30pm

We have a permit for the park and there are some volunteers.

I. The Coordinator for 2020 Field Day (Curt Green) announced that weekly meetings will start in March.

2/6 is the combined meeting with 7QP

The park is the same as last year.

J. Repeater status by Rob who is Coordinator

VHF repeater has problems...The ARcom controller has been turned off

UHF repeater is stable

Existing equipment will be replaced with newer equipment that needs some adjustment before installation.

K. Raffle Tickets Last Call

L. Gary from the Hospital Volunteers gave information

WA7DEM website has info about Tuesdays 9am Hospital net on frequency 223.86

M. Rich Leavitt spoke about the Holiday Party in December - No significant problems

N. Michael Burnette spoke about the newly released Extra License Test Questions pool.

150 Questions were removed

66 questions were added

91 questions were revised

The old test pool included 712 questions and now there are 622 questions

O. The 50/50 raffle drawing was held. The pot was worth \$124 with half value being \$62 to the winner.

Ticket number 302940 was drawn which was held by Jim Blake. He kept \$5 and donated the rest back to the Club General Fund (\$57).

P. The President announced that we would have a discussion instead of a presentation.

Question for thought: What can you do for your Club? Everyone in the club is an Elmer...

Our goal is to have more people working events

New people pairing with experienced people

The website has a list of existing Elmers who volunteered

Q. A discussion started about the repeater being low in altitude.

Wires X or America-Link are options

R. The meeting was adjourned at 0928.

Submitted by Anne Garay K2MTN