

Snohomish County Ham's Club Minutes for February, 23, 2008

Meeting called to order at 8:10AM by President Grant Hopper. He asked for introductions around the room.

Minutes for January 26, 2008 were read by Secretary Melisa Nordin which were approved by Frank Dolan and seconded by Frank Remington.

Treasurers report was given by Gary Whiting and approved.

Education report Jim Ludden Welcome to New Tech license new hams :

KE7RSD Robert Pekich
KE7RSE Barry Galen
KE7RSH Karen Stolworthy
KE7RSA Matt Pietromonaco
KE7RSC Jeffrey Possinger
KE7RSI Sandra Thompson
KE7RSJ Art Thomson
KE7RSF Lorrie Ellis
KE7RSG Valerie Anderson
KE7RSK Denise Steinkercher
KE7RRZ Skip Kinman

New Tech classes coming up in May 16, 17 and 18. Jim asked if you are available to teach in an upcoming General class to let him know. Grant Hopper stated the education committee decided to hold a new Ham's class; time, date and location TBA. If you have input please let Jim know.

VE Report was read by Gary Whiting. Last VE session was January 26, VE's were Gary Whiting, Bill Hughes, Bill Painter, and Jess Ray. The VE's served five, seven tests were administered, and seven passed. Tech, 4, General, 2 and one Extra Class. February 23rd's team that has acknowledged was Frank Dolan, Keith Jackson, and Gary Whiting. But there appears to be a problem because Keith is unavailable. Gary put out a call to all present for any available VE's. Dave Cornell was not sure about his availability at the last minute. Gary concluded that available VE's would go to the test sight at 9:30 AM and if there were not enough present testing would be canceled or postponed.

February 10th VE's were, Loren Hole, Frank Dolan, Steve Burling and Bill Painter. Eleven were served, 22 tests were administered and 11 passed all Tech.

Web and Publication Report given by Grant Hopper. Grant inquired as to how many people are not signed up on the Yahoo group we use for sending out announcements, and encouraged anyone who has not already done so to sign up.

Since the last meeting the new website has gone live. Bob and Rob had it on their computers at the meeting for anyone to see. It's www.WA7LAW.com. While many hands have been involved

in it, the lion's share of the work has been done by Gar KE7JXR. Gar received a nice round of applause from all present. The new web page features a "shout box," "Chat Module Forum 'For Sale' and 'Wanted' section."

Field Day Report was given by Dave Cornell. Dave thanked those who attended the Field Day planning meeting at his house on Feb 11. People have been identified to help with Information Technology, Programs, Food (Dale Shacklett), Site Management (Grant Hopper), Photographer (Jess Ray), Security (Jim Ludden), PIO (Deborah Wright), Tower, tent, and other equipment (Dave Crosby), still looking for people to greet the public and show people around. Field Day will be June 27, 28, 29 with setup commencing about 5:00 PM on Friday and operations beginning at 11:00 AM Saturday. Loggers and operators are welcome. We will have a networked logging system, courtesy of our software and IT people. The permit from the Parks Department is in hand. A GOTA Coach is still needed.

News and Happenings:

Frank Remington reported on current DX activities in his Contests and Events Report.

Area Events - Mike and Key Hamfest at Puyallup on March 8th.

Program for March - TBD

Program for April - David Cornell will present on FISTS.

Program for May - Frank Remington will present a program on working DX

Frank Dolan announced that the Boy Scout's "Jamboree On The Air" will be coming up soon. Frank will keep us advised as the date approaches.

Grant announced that the Sunday Evening Net is taking place now on the club repeater 147.180 each Sunday evening at 7:00 PM. If you're interested in being a net control, please contact Eric Nordin.

Frank Dolan explained for the benefit of new hams the importance of waiting for a moment after keying up before talking to give the repeater time to come up and also explained that one should wait a few seconds before re-keying during a conversation to give other stations an opportunity to break in if they need or want to.

Frank Dolan moved to adjourn the meeting and Vickie Hopper seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 AM.