

Snohomish County Ham's Club Meeting Minutes for May 24, 2008

Meeting was Called to order by President Grant Hopper KB7WSD at 8:00 am. Grant asked for introductions around the room. There were 27 in attendance.

The April 26th meeting minutes were read (by Secretary Melisa KE7KRS) and motion to approved as read was made by Bill Painter N7AOB and seconded by Bill Hughes N7YH.

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The Treasurer's report was read by Gary Whittinger. Bill Painter N7AOB moved to approve and Bill Hughes N7YH seconded. Please see attached report.

The VE report was given by Loren Hole KK7M. There were 26 served and 26 tests were passed on May 11th & 18th. 100% of test fees collected were sent into ARRL (\$364.00). Loren announced that a new Extra exam question pool goes into effect July 1, 2008. The question was asked to Loren: "If you want to become a Volunteer Examiner how do you go about doing that?" It was explained that a book is available from the ARRL, read it and answer questions in an open book test. The questions are available on line. Please see Bill Painter N7AOB for the current forms to submit to the ARRL for becoming a Volunteer Examiner. We currently have 14 VE's. The club will be offering a new hams class again in approx. 6 weeks, check the web sight for the exact date. Our club is working with Everett Public Library to make available for check out books that are no longer wanted by folks who have taken the class through the club.

Education committee Report was given by Jim Ludden KD7RHI. Jim is thinking of a General class some time this summer. A lot of interest has been expressed in Extra class also.

A brief Web Report was given by Grant KB7WSD. Involvement by more people is needed.

The Technical committee Report was given by Steve Burling KJ7YL. Steve reported the link receiver is off air - use PL tone 103.5 instead. John Fortier N7WDF has the receiver on his workbench and is in the process of repairing it. Rob Salsgiver KE7IJT offered to look into a solar power upgrade for the existing generator at Gunsite ridge.

Old business

Grant explained that since we are outgrowing our current meeting location he recently checked out the Elks club facility that is located in what used to be The Cookbook Restaurant, a few blocks from our current meeting location, to see if it might be a good place for us to meet. Breakfast would be available there (for about \$8 for two people)

and that facility is currently available on the third and fourth Saturdays of the month. Grant reports that it accomodates up to 140 people and the food there is pretty good. Grant is considering making arrangements for the board to have breakfast there so that they can also evaluate the quality of the food and move forward with looking into it; one question being whether or not our group would meet the plate requirement.

New business – none

Announcements:

W7DK Radio Club of Tacoma Ham Fest is coming up on August 9th at Bethel Jr. High in Spanaway, 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

The Pacific NW DX Convention will take place August 23rd in Portland

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bill Painter N7AOB and seconded by Bill Hughs N7YH.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:01 A.M.

In lieu of a presentation, our Field Day Coordinator David Cornell W9LD discussed Field Day preparations.