

5-24-14 May Meeting Minutes
General meeting

Dave WA7DGW called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM in the Rainier Room of Providence Medical Center. First time Visitors and members introduced themselves

REPORTS

Treasurer's report: Sharon referred to Tom K7AKA, who read the report. Totals are on the report, which is filed with these minutes. Motion to accept report was approved.

Secretary: Motion to approve minutes from April 24, 2014, as posted on WA7LAW.org was seconded and passed. Minutes from 2005 now appear on the WA7LAW website.

VE report: Loren KK7M described the last VE test session, when nine applicants were served. As usual, he invites them to attend Club meetings, whereupon complimentary member follows. Session particulars are file with these minutes. All collected funds went to ARRL-VEC. Testing will happen today, regardless of the Memorial Day holiday. Testing will also occur on Field Day Saturday, June 28

Education report: Jim K7KFB reported no enquiries for education during the last month. He spoke about successful special event station N7P operation. Station N7CFO has a website listing local educational resources. Our Club's 7QP operation in Lake Stevens worked very well under KE7ND's tent, donated radios, and antennas. The new triplexers/filters showed improvement in isolatino, although some interaction was observed, probably owing to proximity of antennas.

Tech report: Steve KJ7YL reported that the repeater has operated continuously without interruption recently. Meanwhile, he has experimented with other Echolink repeaters, working back to the WA7LAW repeater from another Echolink-listed repeater.

Emcomm Report: Bob Wheeler KC7QT, mentioned that Scott N7SS had attended Dayton. Identification of another Oso survivor is delayed pending investigation and notification of next-of-kin.

DX report: Frank K7GSE said that the bands have been active recently, including six meters. This weekend is the CQ WW DX contest for CW only. DXpeditions coming up soon are active from Laos (XW1), and will be on until May 30. He described a new DXpedition to Navassa Island (KP1), including arrangements with U.S. government, owing to Fish and Wildlife concerns there. Jack Rookaird KC7YE urged us to watch for Wake Island.

Field Day: Jim reported that preparations proceed smoothly. Dave AG7F asked about laptops for Field Day. The Club would like to use Dave's machines again. Curt N7OBI should coodination with him. The GOTA station might move into Ray KD7AVP's truck. Load up at Dave AG7F's house is Thursday, 6:30PM. Please wear gloves and eye protection. Convoy leaves Dave's house with the truck at noon Friday.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tee shirts: They are available for pickup today, including patches. Pick up today only if prepaid.

Audit Committee: Gary KB7WSI and Treasurer have communicated about starting the audit.

ARRL: Dave W9LD

NEW BUSINESS:

Post cards: Dave WA7DGW reported that the Club will send post cards to newly arrived hams in the county.

Quartermaster: Proposal from the Board was considered and modified to read:...XXXX (See sep. sheet)
The motion was passed unanimously. This will add ByLaw 3.10.9

Calendar:

SEAPAC, ARRL convention for the Northwestern USA, Seaside, OR, June 6-7-8.

Field Day, Harborview Park, June 27-28-29 (no Club meeting in June)

Parade, Everett, July 4, Emergency Communicators invited (contact Jim K7KFB)

Ragnar Relay, July 19, Runners start at Freedom Arch, Blaine, (contact Dave WA7DGW)

100-mile race: Lake Wenatchee, Sep. 12-13-14, communicators needed (contact Dave WA7DGW)

Announcements:

Dayton: Dave KA7RRA reported on a happy drive and visit to Dayton Hamvention this year.

Boy Scout Merit Badge Certification: Contact Tom N7PKK, if interested in Merit Badge Training.

Nominating Committee: Jess AD7PZ said that Treasurer nominee position is open.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:00 AM.

Program: Patch panel concept and use, Randy Mather AJ7B.

Respectfully submitted
Dave Cornell, W9LD, Secretary

Approved
Dave Williamson, WA7DGW, President