

2015/02/28 February 2015 Meeting Minutes

General meeting

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

HOUSEKEEPING

Raffle: Tickets were on sale for 50/50 raffle from 7:30-8:45AM. Drawing at 9am prompt or upon conclusion of meeting, whichever is first. Costs are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 remember that 50% of the raffle is applied towards Field Day laptops. **Last month's winner won \$67, and same went to laptops.**

T-shirts/patches, we have them here! We have currently in inventory blank club tee shirts w/pockets, no name or call, (0) 2XL (2) XL, (3) L, and (10) patches. Anyone interested speak to the quartermaster **Steve Elli K7LKA** and make payment to the treasurer. We currently have a signup sheet with Steve in the back of the room. Write Name, Call Sign, and Size if ordering. We will need to collect in February, March and April in order to have them prior to Field Day. Rob NR3O is looking at possibly bettering last year's cost.

FISTS -- CW training disk are here for those that would like learn CW. Steve has them in the back. They're free!

Reminder: Program presentations are now on the member's only portion of the website. Anyone with past presentation in the last two years could forward this to me for upload to the website.

REPORTS

Treasurer's report: Randy AJ7B gave the Treasurer's report for February 23, 2015, details for which have been posted on the website. Motion to approve report was seconded and passed.

Minutes: Minutes for the January 24, 2015, meeting have been on the website. Motion to approve minutes was seconded and passed.

VE report: Loren KK7M announced testing today, as on every fourth Saturday, except December. In January seven tests were given, with four Techs and one General achieved. Monies collected all went to the ARRL-VEC.

Education report: Jim K7KFB was absent, so Dave WA7DGW announced the coming class March 20-22.

Project group: Curt N7OBI reported that ten persons attended last Saturday at Curt N7OBI's home at 11112 22nd Place NE, Lake Stevens. He proposed activities for March, including antenna tuning and setup of the logging software for Club field events. The idea of the Project group is to increase knowledge and understanding by practical work with support in groups.

EMCOMM Report: Dave WA7DGW reported no significant action at DEM recently.

DX report: Frank K7GSE said the bands have been good recently. Ascension Island and Navassa Island were among big events recently. Navassa was a very rare one. The next DXpedition will be Eritrea in Africa, March 6-17, call sign to be assigned upon arrival of the team. He also reported on a trip to a remote Antarctic Island, and others off South America, including South Georgia Island. Pacific Islands, also rare, are coming up. For further details, contact Frank. Frank distributed flyer about a deceased ham's equipment, which is available at prices on the flyer.

OLD BUSINESS:

Field Day: Coordinator Don K G7HBT was absent, but will meet at Alf's Pizza on North Broadway, Tuesday, March 3, at 6:00 PM. According to Dave, WA7DGW, most preparation is done, including city of Everett's approval for FREE use of the park, with the understanding that the Club will clean up tables, and paint Bar-B-Q's in return for use of the place. The remaining need is for food preparation, which will be done in May. Loading begins at Dave Crosby AG7F's house on Thursday evening before Field Day.

Dell laptops: Five new Dell laptops have arrived. Randy AJ7B is building a box to secure them, providing space for the router and cables, as well.

Westgate Elementary Science Night: Dave WA7DGW reported that all went well, with about 16 members attending the display at the school. Six to eight more helped from home or mobiles. Morse code oscillators were a big hit again. Kids carried active oscillators around the school, diffusing the buzz throughout the school building. Feedback session has already met for the benefit of next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

ByLaw change: The board requests to add the following change to our By-Laws. This will allow the board to create the policy for the purpose of investing the current principal into a vehicle that will give the club a financial return on our funds. Currently we only make a few cents on it now. The policy will be completed during the next board meeting in March and produced to the club at March's regular meeting.

2.11.0 Repeater Upgrade Fund Management. The Board of Directors is hereby empowered to publish an Investment Policy for the Repeater Upgrade Fund to provide guidance to the Club for the collection, investment, management, and spending of the Repeater Upgrade Fund. That Policy shall be reviewed from time-to-time, and is subject to modification as voted on by a majority of the board of directors. The Policy shall be dated as of the most recent revision date approved by the Board and shall be posted on the Club website for access by all members

Board positions: Steve KJ7YL and Rob NR3O have resigned their positions. Dennis W7DEB has accepted appointment to fill Rob's position. Moved, seconded and passed by Board to approve Dennis' appointment to the Board. We are currently looking to fill Steve's position.

Repeater antenna location: The Baker View apartment roof work has been delayed until April. Dave WA7DGW will meet with the roofer next Friday to learn what the situation is. Engineering reports have been filed and approved. Club equipment is in hand for installation once with roof work is complete. Jess AD7PZ suggested a material for roofing material if needed.

Fusion repeaters: Two DR-X1 repeaters were ordered January 26, 2015, but still await shipment. Today the VHF repeater went down, but the UHF machine is available.

Calendar:

- a. Mic and Key Hamfest, March 7, Puyallup Fair Grounds.
- b. SCHC Tech/General License class, March 20-22, 2015, at Providence Hospital, Rainier Room.
- c. Microhams Digital Conference, March 21st, see website for more information.
- d. 7QP fest, May 2-3, 2015, Lake Stevens Senior Center.
- e. SEA PAC, June 5-7, 2015, Seaside, OR.
- f. Field Day, June 26-28, 2015, Harborview Park, Mukilteo.

50/50 Raffle: Total of \$162.00 was collected. Fifty percent will be used to purchase laptop computers.

Silent keys and spouses: Cards of sympathy have gone out to families of silent key Bob Huson and spouse, and well wishes for member Bob Sluder in therapy.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was seconded and passed at 9:00 AM.

Program:

- a. Frank K7GSE presented a program about the Navassa Island, K1N, DXpedition.
- b. Anyone with suggestion for a future program should notify Dave WA7DGW.

Respectfully submitted
Dave Cornell, Secretary

Approved
Dave Williamson, WA7DGW, President