

2015/03/28 March 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 or upon conclusion of meeting, whichever is first. Costs are \$1 each or 6 for \$5; half of the raffle income is applied towards Club projects. Last month's winner won \$81, and same went to the Club.

T-shirts/patches: See quartermaster Steve K7LKA and make payment to the treasurer.

FISTS - CW training disks for those that would like learn CW. See Steve K7LKA. They're free!

REPORTS

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

Minutes: Minutes for the February 28, 2015, meeting have been on the website. Motion to approve minutes was seconded and passed.

VE report: Loren KK7M made two reports, regular testing in February, seven tested and all became qualified for licenses, and following the class on March 20-21, 14 were given 26 tests, resulting in nine new techs and four new generals. There were 11 persons who were new to ham radio. All money collected has been sent to ARRL-VEC. Five VE's are scheduled for today's test session at Bakerview Apartments.

Education report: Jim K7KFB announced results of March 20-22 class. Thirteen persons took the class. Successful exams were mentioned in the previous report. Next class is scheduled for October.

Repeater update: The repeater had been down, and Rob was looking at it during this meeting. His exploration of DC power showed a power issue. He completed DC connection and restarted the system. Lights light up in encouraging fashion, and repeater seems OK now.

Project group: Curt N7OBI was absent, but in a letter he wrote that this month the new laptops were activated to verify networking and readiness for uses including Field Day, 7QP, and Salmon Run. For April the projects will focus on mobile installations, so he urges experienced persons to share their expertise. Equipment will be present for frequency sweeps, tuning, etc.

EMCOMM Report: Bob KC7QT reported on a class about "FL-DIGI". System communications feature about 160 modes of operation. DEM is in the process of equipment upgrades. including coax, battery chargers, and antennas.

DX report: Frank K7GSE reported that HF bands have just recovered from solar flares. The CQ WW WPX SSB contest is this weekend. He just worked Mongolia, a rare one for him. Coming DXpeditions include PQ0T (June 3-5) Trinidad (rare), DX0P South China Seas (April 14-20), and Chatham Island ZL7CE (April 13). Action this week should be good.

OLD BUSINESS:

Field Day: Coordinator Don KG7HBT reserved Alf's Pizza place for the next meeting on April 9th at 6PM. Things are going well, with cooperation appreciated.

Tee shirts: Sign up with Steve K7LKA at table in back. Include name, call sign, and size, if ordering. We need to collect by April to have shirts by Field Day. Rob NR3O is looking for best price.

Website: Dave WA7DGW has been updating it. Check it out and email him thoughts, changes, pictures, etc. Note that a "silent key" page has been added to the "About Us" section.

Bakerview Tower Work: Dave WA7DGW reported that Everett Housing Authority (EHA) has been sending varying dates for the work, which is now set for Saturday, June 6. Repeater parts have been procured and galvanized. Six persons are invited to help with the work. The Club has requested a 50year lease from EHA, at one dollar per year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fusion Repeaters: Yaesu expects to ship repeaters to the Club on April 3.

Calendar:

- a. 7QP fest, May 2-3, 2015, Lake Stevens Senior Center.
- b. Stanwood Hamfest, May 9, 2015.
- c. SEA PAC, June 5-7, 2015, Seaside, OR.
- d. Field Day, June 26-28, 2015, Harborview Park, Mukilteo. (Preload at AG7F on Thursday evening, June 25.)
- e. ILLW, August 15-16, 2015. Mukilteo Park parking will be for fee. Club will confer with city to look at possible special permission. Jim KD7JB identified challenges in trying to activate alternate lighthouse sites.
- f. Salmon Run, September 19, 20, 2015

Auction: Don AB7V won auction for ham gear offered by Dave WA7DGW.

W1AW Centennial Awards: John N7AME announced availability of awards for the Centennial.

QST Certificate: Frank K7GSE announced that Dave KA7RRA qualified for QST listing as First Place winner, Rover class, ARRL VHF Contest, Northwest Division.

50/50 Raffle: Winner of drawing was Jim, K7KFB. Total of \$146 was collected. Fifty percent will be used to help with Club projects.

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

Program:

a. Round table chat about Frank Dolan (SK) N7WUB. The club sent his family a note of sympathy and flower arrangement. Eric AD7BF mentioned that Frank's wife Dottie spoke of her appreciation for them.

b. Program ideas are invited from membership. Please contact Dave WA7DGW

Respectfully submitted
Secretary

Approved Dave Cornell, W9LD,
Dave Williamson, WA7DGW, President