

2015/07/25 July 2015 Meeting Minutes-Draft

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. From these announcements it became apparent that the center of gravity of the world is in Lake Stevens.

HOUSEKEEPING

Raffle: Tickets were on sale for 50/50 raffle until 8:45AM. Cost is \$1 per ticket or six for \$5; half of the raffle income is applied towards Club projects.

T-shirts/patches: Shirts were not available at the meeting today.

FISTS - CW training disks will be available next month.

REPORTS

Treasurer's report: Randy AJ7B gave the Treasurer's report through July 19, 2015, details for which have been posted on the website. There was discussion about the funding for fusion repeaters vis-a-vis tower work. Donors for the fusion repeater will be asked for permission to apply some money to tower work. Motion to approve report was seconded and passed.

Minutes: Minutes for the May 23, 2015, meeting have been on the website. Motion to approve minutes was seconded and passed.

Nomination Committee: Loren KK7M invited individuals to express interest in Board positions, which remain open. These positions allow members opportunity to experience Club work beyond the main meetings. Positions open are President, Vice President, and one Director. Elections are scheduled for the September meeting.

VE report: Loren KK7M reported that VE's held a test session on Field Day in June, even though the Club didn't meet that month. For May and June, testing served 15 persons, administering 17 tests, yielding four new Techs, seven new Generals and one new Extra Class licensee. Nine were new to ham radio. Testing will occur today too, even though few have notified Loren in advance of their intentions.

Education report: Jim K7KFB expects the next class to be on October 16th, 17th, and 18th. Room scheduling remains to be resolved, including confirmation of instructor list. We prefer not to schedule in August, owing to vacation conflicts. Frank K7GSE reported that the Cascade ARC will test in November.

Tech group: Curt N7OBI reported on recent group activity. He invited anyone with a dummy load to bring it for testing purposes. Various radio modes have been demonstrated, including FM, SSB, digital, analog, video, etc. Next month will focus upon a new radio to be provided by a member, helping analyze problems that occur with used equipment.

EMCOMM Committee report: Bob KC7QT reported that there will be an ongoing drill activity soon to coordinate communications. The drill includes military as well as civilian components.

DX report: Frank K7GSE reported on the coming Pacific DX conventions this fall. This year the convention will be held in Everett, August 7-8-9. For more details, see the website for the Western Washington DX Club. A featured speaker will report on K1N (Navassa Island), etc. Rooms are filling up at the local Holiday Inn. Bands have been very bad, owing to solar disturbances. There is evidence of improvement in propagation today. The current solar cycle is most likely beginning to decline after reaching a peak earlier. The winter may offer rare DX opportunities, including North Korea.

Repeater update: Rob NR3O was not here, so there was no report.

Field Day: Don KG7HBT said that Field Day was really good, including radio operations and food. He reported the number of QSOs by band and mode. He is thinking about another alternate power source, which uses magnetic fields. Dave AG7F reported on the problem posed by active sprinklers in the middle of the night on Friday. He proposed that members be informed on shutoff mechanisms, because city promises may be ineffective in shutting the water system off for Field Day.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tee Shirts: People who need to pay for tee shirt please see Randy, AJ7B.

Mukilteo Lighthouse (ILLW): Dave W9LD and Dave WA7DGW will meet Mukilteo officials near at Lighthouse Park on Wednesday, July 29, at 10AM. Operation usually begins at 6:00 AM, and take down by 5:00 PM.

Bakerview Tower install: Dave WA7DGW reported that the City of Everett Building Inspector has inspected the tower installation and confirmed completion of the tower work. So this monumental piece of work is finished. Thanks and kudos to all for a job well done.

Repeater Work: Please use and report results to Rob NR3O. We're interested in the range and quality of the UHF repeater at this time. UHF frequency is 444.575 MHz, (PL tone, 103). Assistance is requested by Rob to help with realizing full output from the new repeater/amplifier system.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board did not meet this month.

Salmon Run: Jill WA7JIL and Barry WA7BAR Hatch will host Salmon Run September 19, 20. Their location is on Machias Rd, just south of Hwy 92 and immediately east of downtown Lake Stevens. Last year the Club captured all 39 counties in the state of Washington. Sponsorship is by the Western Washington DX Club; rules are on their website. Various members will operate Salmon Run from other locations too.

Calendar:

- a. ILLW, August 15, 2015. Dave W9LD and Dave WA7DGW are working with Mukilteo City on permission to park and locate operation near the Lighthouse.
- b. Puget Sound Antique Radio Club, Shoreline Community College, parking lot, 9 AM, Sunday, August 16
- c. Salmon Run, September 19, 20, 2015. The Club will operate at Barry and Jill Hatch's Residence in Lake Stevens. Last year we logged all 39 counties in the state.

50/50 Raffle: Winner of drawing was Jerry, KG7CGE. Total of \$134 was collected. Fifty percent will be used to help with Club projects.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:13 AM.

Program: Ed, WA7ETH, presented a program about satellite radio communications for hams. Dennis W7DEB and Randy AJ7B are on deck for future programs.

Respectfully submitted
Dave Cornell, W9LD, Secretary

Approved
Dave Williamson, WA7DGW, President