

## Club Meeting Minutes

February 25<sup>th</sup> 2017

1. The Meeting was called to order at 0800 by the Vice President in the absence of the President.
2. The Vice President welcomed visitors, new members and returning members
3. Introductions
  - a. The vice president's call for first time visitors or new members resulted in the following people identifying themselves:
    - I. Joel Woodsen - KI7GGY
    - II. Sharon Dickson - Planning to take the license test after the meeting
    - III. James - Planning to take the license test after the meeting
    - IV. Greg - W7ACM
    - V. David- KI7KGW
    - VI. Jeff - KI7JGH
    - VII. Charlie - WB7WGE
    - VIII. Jim Greico - Planning to take the license test after the meeting
  - b. The Vice President reported the results of the Board approval of new members:
    - I. Dave Somers - KI7DPP
    - II. Richard Hawkinson - W7RMH
    - III. Kevin Hedgcock - KI7ICN
    - IV. Beau De Moss - W3BAD
    - V. Tycen Stafford - K7TYC
    - VI. Timothy Leghorn - WL7CES
    - VII. Bruce Gary - K7BGG
  - c. The Vice President called for a general introduction of all members present, which was done. Ray Smith announced that he was volunteering to Chair the Field Day for this year.
4. The Ham of the Year award was presented by Rob - NR3O to Jil - WA7JIL. Rob delineated the criteria by which the awardee is selected. Jil accepted the award.
5. Club Reports
  - a. Secretary's Report was made by Roger - KF7WVT
    - I. Reported that the minutes of the previous meeting had been posted on the Club Website and requested a motion for approval. Henry move to accept, it was seconded and voted approved.
    - II. Roger explained that the attendance roster being circulated had two categories: (1) Dues Paid and (2) Dues Not Paid. He requested that everyone sign in so that accurate accounting could be made.
    - III. He also solicited unrecorded attendance.
  - b. Treasurer's Report was submitted by Randy - AJ7B
    - c. He reported that the period of the report was from 9Jan to 19 Feb. We had an income of \$1165.62 and an outflow of \$468.75 leaving us with a balance of \$6164.91 in the checking account.
      - I. The Repeater Fund has a balance of \$482.85
      - II. The Repeater Endowment Fund has a balance of \$4580.73 (+\$650)
      - III. The General Investment Fund has a balance of \$455.84 (-\$117)
      - IV. A motion to approve the report was made by Roger - KF7WVT and seconded by Henry - KH6VM and approved by vote of the General Membership.

- d. Investment Committee Chair Loren -KK7M reported that the market is doing well for the Fund which is an investment held with VanGuard S&P Fund.
- e. Repeater / Project Manager report was submitted by Henry - KH6VM who stated that power outages were impacting the performance of EchoLink which is currently operating satisfactorily. Frank - K7GSE reported that some operators are keying too quickly which cuts the call sign short. Randy AJ7B asked about any help needed and volunteered to provide same if asked.
- f. Tech Committee Report not submitted; not represented
- g. Education Report was made by Jim - KD7JB, who said that although there was a class being given the Everett Fire Dept (ACS) in early April, no general class is currently scheduled. He stated that if there is any interest, a class could be scheduled. He asked where class payments should be sent. Randy responded "to the Club's mail box". Jim also requested some instructors volunteer if interested. He said that he had heard of some interest by the LDS group that uses our repeater after our Sunday Night NET. There was a question about when the ACS class would be presented; 31Mar - 2Apr. There is not currently enough interest in having a class but Jim will schedule if necessary.
  - I. Dave - WL9D requested clarification of 'ACS'. Jim - K7KFB responded with a definition of "Axillary Communication System" and explained how it is somewhat related to ACES and ARES objectives.
  - II. A question was asked about any classes for those who are interested in gaining their 'Extra' class license. We've never done one because of the qualifications of instructors that is needed but certainly could be done. The Club has the personnel resources within it's membership.
  - III. Jim also stated that he would like to see some 'specialized' classes (i.e. CW). There was some discussion about other resources for CW instruction such as W1AW identified by Frank
- h. EMCOMM Report was made by Bob - KC7QT who said that info can be found on WA7DEM. Frank clarified that 'DEM' stood for the Snohomish County Dept of Emergency Management.
- i. DX Report was made by Frank - K7GSE who stated that the band were up & down but there has been some DX activity, even on 15M. He said even 17M & 20M were somewhat responsive. Experts report that the sun 'down cycle' will last until 2020. Dave suggested that we (President Kevin) exploit this event with a letter to the school principal to get more publicity to the parents.
- j. Quartermaster (Steve)
- k. Westgate Elementary Science Night report held on Feb 3rd was made by Henry; Jim - K7KFB who described who participated and what was done with the students. Dave - W9LD expressed gratitude to 'DEM' for allowing us to use their repeater for that event. Jim reported that both tower trailer and storage trailer were used and operated as expected.
- l. Field Day Committee Report was made by Ray who repeated that he would be the Chairperson for this event on June 23-25. He said that the kick-off meeting would be held at Alf's Pizza in Snohomish at 1800 on 2 Mar. We will use both trailers at this event.
- m. 7QP Report was also made by Ray who will also Chair that event May 6-7. He plans to meet every 4 weeks. The 7QP will be at the Senior Center in Lake Stevens, and the Field Day will be at Harborview Park in Everett on Mukilteo Blvd.
- n. Light House/Light Ship (August 19-20): We need a Chair person for this event.
- o. Salmon Run (Sep 16-17): We need a Coordinator for that event if we're going to participate as a Club.
- p. Christmas Party (December 9th): We need a Coordinator for this event

- q. Net Control Coordinator Daniel - KD7LEE identified what Nets are available: Sunday Night and Wednesday night. He also asked for volunteer Net Controllers. There is a group (LDS) that is authorized to use our repeater after our Net on Sunday Nights.
- r. VE Report for January 2017 was submitted by Randy who reported that there were 9 VE's and 12 applicants which resulted in 3 Technicians, 5 Generals and 3 Extras and 1 failure. He said that he expected 15 applicants today and with some new procedures, he'd like all VE's to report early. Any General or Extra can be a VE. (Volunteer Examiner). All proceeds from testing events are sent to ARRL.

A 10-MIN BREAK WAS TAKEN but not before Loren identified need for help with the forms submitted to the IRS. Randy, stated that that is a responsibility of Tom - K7AFA who is our Legal Advisor. Also, Tom - N7PKK identified operating opportunities with the Boy Scouts on 21Oct. At this point, Henry announced that he was assisting the widow of SK Dewey Hee in the disposition of his equipment.

#### 6. Old Business

- a. The Vice President solicited suggestions for Capitol Improvement Items to be purchased by the Club
  - i. The need for a radio was identified.
  - ii. The Board had considered acquisition of shelter(s)
  - iii. The Board also discussed the need for a 'job box' which is a metal container that would be secured to the tower trailer to store cable and equipment and tools. Steve - K7LKA provided consideration for that item. He mentioned that Rob was working on a lighting system for the tower trailer. He also said that acquisition of a radio was being held pending disposition of SK Dewey's equipment.
  - iv. Membership discussion and vote what item to purchase will be conducted at the next meeting.
  - v. HAMFEST, sponsored by 'Mike & Key' Club was identified as well as a few others such as the closest one in Stanwood on 13 May. There will also be an ARRL DX contest on 4 March.

#### 7. New Business

- a. The 50/50 raffle was conducted. The total amount of ticket sales was \$102 so the winner would receive \$51. The winning number was drawn by Jim - KD7JB which was 300628 and was held by Henry. He returned all funds to the Club.
- b. Randy described the distribution of the 50/50 funds: The first 6 month's proceed are used to buy capital improvement items, then then proceeds from July - December are used to buy presents for the Christmas Party.

#### 8. For the Good of the Order

- a. Frank announced the theft items from his car and took his ACS jacket with ID Card. Be on lookout for a guy wearing that jacket. He's also missing his GPS. Car was unlocked.
- b. Steve also reported the theft of a 2-way radio from his vehicle.
- c. A member who is a Police Officer with Mukilteo advised that people record serial numbers from everything they have, because it can be tracked by Law Enforcement (Leads on Line).

The meeting was adjourned at 09:25