

Club Meeting Minutes

March 25th 2017

A premeeting presentation was provided by Ensign Diebert who was leading a meeting of a local Navy League Cadet Corps (Sea Cadet) group in the room next door. He described the program that teaches people between the ages of 10 and 14 years old about seamanship skills. He said that some members have gone on to join the Navy and even attended the Naval Academy. This could be an opportunity for our 'outreach' or training efforts.

The Meeting was called to order at 0806 by the President.

1. The President welcomed visitors, new members and returning members
2. Introductions
 - a. The president's call for first time visitors resulted in the following people identifying themselves:
 - I. Sharon Dickson - Arlington - second meeting
 - II. Frank Perkins - Lynnwood - second meeting
 - III. Skyler Brower - Stanwood
 - IV. Dan Ashton - Arlington
 - V. Jerry Erickson - KF7AP
 - VI. Sean Arron
 - VII. Rod Amburgy - KG7CKU - second meeting
 - b. The President called for a general introduction of all members present, which was done.
3. 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 moved to accept, it was seconded by Randy and voted approved.
 - II. Roger explained that the attendance roster being circulated had two categories: (1) Dues Paid and (2) Dues Not Paid.
 - b. Treasurer's Report was submitted by Randy - AJ7B
 - I. He reported that the period of the report was from 20 Feb to 19 Mar.
 - II. We had an income of \$982 and an outflow of \$409 leaving us with a balance of \$6737 in the checking account.
 - III. The Repeater Maintenance Fund has a balance of \$482.89
 - IV. The Repeater Endowment Fund has a balance of \$4710.92 (+\$710)
 - V. The General Investment Fund has a balance of \$391.25
 - VI. A motion to approve the report was made by Roger - KF7WVT and seconded by Henry - KH6VM and approved by vote of the General Membership.
 - c. Investment Committee: Loren - KK7M was not available, thus no report.
 - d. Education Report: Jim KD7JB reported that there will be a class on 31Mar-2Apr for the Everett Office of Emergency Management. He advised that he won't be available to

provide a Spring Class. Maybe schedule two classes in the fall. He solicited volunteer instructors to present the training.

- e. EMCOMM Report: Bob - KC7QT was not available, thus no report
 - f. DX Report was made by Frank - K7GSE who stated that the bands were up & down but there has been some DX activity with a world-wide DX contest. He worked Bangladesh last night. He said the sun cycle continues to decline.
 - g. Quartermaster Steve K7LKA reported that an inventory of the Club's equipment trailer had been accomplished. He said that Paul - K17BKL had dropped off the Job Box for the Tower Trailer. He said Rob was still working on getting the lights for the Tower Trailer. Lights are needed for operations in the dark.
 - I. Kevin advised that we need to conduct maintenance on tower trailer to make sure it is safe to operate (brakes, lights, bearings, etc.) before 7QP. Need a checklist and schedule. He requested that if anybody has skill or experience with vehicle maintenance and would like to contribute, please contact him.
 - h. 7QP/Field Day Report was made by Ray - KD7AVP: Looking for radios & antennas. The location has been secured; all paperwork accomplished. Have a leader for Field Day, but need more for 7QP. Has 3 of 4 radios for Field Day but need more for 7QP. John N7AME said he could provide a radio w/antenna. Henry said he could provide a TV for large computer display. Next meeting will be 30 Mar at Snohomish Alf's at 1800. 7QP will be on 6-7May; Field Day is on 23-25 June. 7QP indicates participants are from the district 7: WA, ID, OR, NV, MO, WY, UT, AZ. Ray stated that we would like to have a couple 'suitcase' type generators that are less noisy than what we have now. Larry and Kevin said they could provide.
 - I. Kevin stated that the Lighthouse event will be next event and he'll coordinate it. He wants Club representation in Mukilteo.
 - II. Salmon Run in September 16-17 needs a coordinator if it is to be a Club event.
 - III. Christmas Party will be on 9 December
 - i. Net Control Coordinator Daniel - KD7LEE asked for volunteer Net controllers
 - j. The VE report was provided by Randy who stated that 21 tests were administered to 15 candidates. Results of testing were: 7 Technicians, 2 General and 2 Extra. Two applicants failed the Technician class, and two failed to upgrade from Technician to General. There were 6 VE's available. He expects 11 people to take the test after this meeting.
 - k. The President announced 7 new members that received approval of the Board:
 - I. John Johnson
 - II. Joel and Sherilyn Woodson
 - III. Bill and Jean Foster
 - IV. Greg Rainwater
 - V. Jim Grieco
 - VI. John Gorham
6. Old Business
- a. The President solicited suggestions for Capitol Improvement Items to be purchased by the Club
 - I. The primary consideration is for acquisition of shelter(s) to be used in field activities. We will start to identify an adequate tent. E-Z Up is a good brand if weights are used. Stakes in the ground are restricted in some parks.
7. New Business
- a. Rob described his plan for a meeting of the Repeater Group at Bob's Burger & Brew in Marysville at noon. Still developing list of participants and things that need to be done.

- b. Kevin announced that there is a source of long coax cable available to the Club from 'Keysight Technologies' on Seaway Blvd. Kevin asked if we could have a cable-pulling party after the Breakfast (at Bob's B&B) on Sat, 8 April.
- c. Events were announced by Dave - KA7RAA:
 - I. On 8 April Yakima's Hamfest on 1st Street
 - II. On 13 May, Stanwood will have a Hamfest
 - III. On 9-11 June, Hamfest at Dreydon Gun Club
 - IV. On 21-22 April the Comm Academy which focuses on EmComm
 - V. 1 April Texas party in State Parks
 - VI. End of April = Florida QSO Party
 - VII. SeaPac in June 3-4 (Oregon)

8. For the Good of the Order

- a. Kevin solicited recommendations for post-meeting presentations that resulted in the following input of classes:
 - I. For those desiring to upgrade license to Extra Class
 - II. CHIRP radio programming software
 - III. COAX cable, size, purpose
 - IV. LOTW - Jim K7KFB recommended that we have a class prior to Field Day or 7QP
 - V. CW
 - VI. Chirp & Satellites
 - VII. DX, to be done by Frank - K7GSE
 - VIII. Programming of new radios - maybe Devin WA7DLG (Baofeng)
- b. Ray KD7AVP asked for help with Club computers that need updates and a recharging schedule. They've all been recharged. Rob volunteered to help solve the problem.
- c. Jim reported that he was missing a tool from Frank's house (work party)
- d. Frank K7GSE announced that he was presenting a history class of the Seattle Mike and Key Club, of which he was an original member in 1964 and invited interested people to attend at the Salvation Army building in Renton. His presentation will be on the 3rd Saturday of April.

9. The 50/50 raffle was conducted. The total amount of ticket sales was \$90 so the winner would receive \$40. The winning number was drawn by Jim - KD7JB which was 300796 and was held by John N7AME. He returned all funds to the Club as a donation to the General Fund.

The next Club meeting will be April 22 in the same location but we need more chairs so we may meet in the room next door.

A member asked for assistance in programming an Alingco 605

The meeting was adjourned at 0906.