

Draft #1

Snohomish County HAMS Club
General Membership Meeting
Minutes
26 August 2017

1. The meeting was called to order at 0800 by the Vice President, Larry Warner KG7ZSB

A. The vice president requested that any new/visiting people identify themselves:

- (1) Anne K2MTN
- (2) Dave
- (3) Levy No Call

B. The vice president called for a general identification of the membership by introducing himself, followed by all others in the room.

C. The vice president called for any announcements. None

2. The vice president called for Board Reports:

A. Secretary's Report was provided by Roger KF7WVT who stated that the minutes from the last meeting had been posted on the Club website for three weeks and if nobody had any changes to make, requested that a motion to approve be made. Jim W7ETE made a motion to approve the minutes as posted; the motion was seconded by John N7AME and approved by vote of the membership.

B. Treasurer's Report was provided by Randy Mather AJ7B who provided the following status of our Club finances as of 8/20/2017:

- (1) Income: \$447.31
- (2) Expenses: \$402.60
- (3) Checking account balance: \$6608.08
- (4) Repeater maintenance fund: \$483.11
- (5) Repeater Endowment fund: \$5248.96
- (6) General Investment: \$416.34

He requested a motion to approve; the motion was made and seconded and approved by vote of the membership.

C. The vice president announced the names of four new members:

- (1) Michael Hill KI7OYU
- (2) Jackie Wright pending
- (3) Kelly Gruol KI7OYR
- (4) Kevin Haney KI7OYS

D. The vice president announced the conduct of the next licensing class on 9,10 and 11 September.

3. The vice president called for committee reports:

A. The DX report was provided by Frank Remington K7GSE who stated:

(1) The bands have been up and down for the last few months.

(2) There is planning for a DXpedition to Buffet Island considered to be number 2 as a rare island near Antarctica and will be very expensive.

(3) Howard Island is considered number 4 as a rare island, is owned by the US Wildlife Refuge with K1A as the call sign will be conducted in June.

(4) He reported that the Country Grill restaurant suffered a severe fire on Thursday morning. This was a popular place in Lake Stevens and formerly a meeting place of the SCHC Executive Board.

B. The Tech Group report was made by Dave Cornell W9LD who stated that he has been working with a group of five Club members to conduct a "Fox Hunt". They're developing an off-set attenuator and their first test will be on 16 September during the Salmon Run from 0900-1200

C. The VE Report was made by Randy Mather AJ7B who stated that on 22 July, a session was held with 7 VE's overseeing the tests to 7 candidates with the following results:

- (1) 3 Technician
- (2) 1 Extra
- (3) 1 General
- (4) 2 Failures

He expects 2 candidates today.

D. The EM report was provided by Bob Wheeler KC7QT who stated that on the 26th of September, the County will be holding a Mass Casualty drill. There will also be a drill on October 7. Frank Remington K7GSE added that there will be a booth representing the County Department of Emergency Management ACS at the County Fair in Monroe (in which he'll be participating).

(1) A member reported that some names (listed at the end of the alphabet) were missing from the sign-in sheet. The Secretary took responsibility and apologized for the error in printing and requested that those affected just add their names to the bottom of the page.

E. Dave Archer KA7RRA reported on the planned following amateur radio related events:

(1) On 8 September, there will be an APRS event at North Bend where people can learn about APRS

(2) On 23 September there will be a HamFest in Spokane

(3) On 14 October in Kitsap County there will be a Hamfest

(4) On 14 October there will be a VHF Conference in Moses Lake

F. Ed Empey WA7ETH reported that the Providence Hospital has an EOC and they are looking for radio operators. They conduct a drill every Tues at 1000 for 1 hour and need volunteers.

G. Rick Hawkinson W7RMH reported that he works with District One Washington State Emergency Management ACS and they are looking for volunteers to operate VHF radios on their twice a week Net Monday and Saturday evenings.

H. Larry Warner KG7ZSB announced that he is the Chairperson for the Nominating committee and solicited nominations for President and one Director as well as competition for Treasurer and Secretary. We also need a Project Manager to oversee Club projects. He is also looking for HAM of the Year nominations

I. Jess Ray AD7PZ and Jill Hatch WA7JIL will co-Chair the Christmas Party. Jess stated that he needs a 'Master of Ceremonies' for the event.

J. John Van Dalen N7AME announced that at the next meeting, he will distribute and conduct a written survey of interests in order to provide direction of the Club by the Board. This is expected to increase our membership and elevate enthusiasm for participation.

K. There was open discussion by Frank Remington K7GSE and Rob Salsgiver NR3O concerning recent failures of EchoLink. He requested that those who use this function please provide usage reports to help evaluate the problem. Dave Cornell W9LD described the function of EchoLink as use of Voice of Internet protocol which allows radio signals to be transmitted via computer.

L. Frank Remington K7GSE reported that many users of the Club repeater are failing to use their call sign as required by the FCC.

4. New Business:

A. Jill Hatch WA7JIL identified herself as the chair of the membership committee. She will be making efforts to 'reach out' to new members, determine their interests and connect them to experienced HAMS in the Club.

B. Larry Warner KG7ZSB announced that the Club had bought a tent. Randy Mather AJ7B projected a picture on the 'big screen' and provided details which included the following:

- (1) Source: Cabela's
- (2) Size: 13' x 27'
- (3) Lifetime Warranty
- (4) Includes 4 free cots
- (5) Has a floor, sides, windows, 2 entrances
- (6) Cost: \$1500
- (7) Height: 9' in center; 4' walls
- (8) Weight: 60 pounds

We will practice erecting the tent at Salmon Run at Hatch's

C. Salmon Run will be hosted by/at the Hatch residence on 16-17 September. Jill is the Point of Contact and will generate a flyer on the 'reflector' listing details. Frank Remington K7GSE described what the SR is: contest. John Van Dalen N7AME stated that he is going to be in Benton County. Chris Wartes will also activate his station at his QTH and seeks operators. He will use a new form of logging called N1MM. Jack Rookaird KC7YE will be in Pacific County. New members were encouraged by Dennis Bradford W7DEB and Jess Ray AD7PZ to attend as a learning opportunity. Other members also voiced encouragement. There are about 5-6 'rare' counties.

5. Next Meeting

A. A ten-minute break was taken at 0845. The meeting resumed at 0900 with the announcement that the next meeting will be on September 23 and the next Board meeting will be on the 18th. All members are welcome to attend Board meetings.

B. The 50/50 drawing was conducted. Roger Hoot KF7WVT drew ticket number 301109 which was held by Jim Grieco who turned his share (\$32.50) back to the Club for the Christmas party.

C. The vice president reminded everyone that we need more after-meeting presentations and requested input for subjects desired and/or speakers who want to share information. He announced that after today's meeting, Chris Wartes K7II will give a presentation on signal propagation during the recent eclipse

D. Frank Remington K7GSE commented that ARRL had published information about a QSO party in the QST magazine. He encouraged everybody to identify their interest on the survey so that the Club can be of better value to all members.

E. Bob Wheeler KC7QT advised that the DEM repeater is currently down for repair for a couple months and the backup is 146.78

F. Larry Warner KG7ZSB advised that the Snohomish County Sherriff Search and Rescue unit is not only looking for volunteers but is funded by donations. He said they are now using a personal tracking program called 'Project Caretrack' which is used with vulnerable people and generates a signal that helps them to be located.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 0910.

Chris Wartes K7II provided a presentation on signal propagation during the recent solar eclipse.

Respectfully Submitted by Roger Hoot KF7WVT SCHC Secretary

