

Snohomish County Hams Club

General Membership Meeting

Minutes

March 24, 2018

1. The meeting was called to order at 0800 by the President Rob Salsgiver NR3O
2. Introductions
 - a. Call for first time visitors. There were a few visitors who introduced themselves:
 - (1) Don KI7TEX
 - (2) Skip Walton
 - (3) Travis
 - b. The membership introduced themselves
 - c. The following announcements were made by the president:
 - (1) The 50/50 Raffle drawing will be at 0900- buy tickets prior; proceeds from the first half of the year go to the general fund, while the second half proceeds go towards the purchase of prizes for the Christmas party raffle.
 - (2) Henry Poland announced that the T-shirt storefront is operational. The website is: <https://stores.inksoft.com/snocohams/shop>. The store will close about mid-April. An announcement will be placed on the Club Website.
3. Reports
 - a. Treasurer's report – Randy Mather announced that the monthly treasurer's report had been posted on the Club website and requested approval of the posted report. A motion was made by Roger to approve, seconded and approved by vote.
 - b. Secretary - Roger Hoot announced that the minutes of last month's (February) meeting had been posted on the Club website and requested approval of the posted minutes. A motion was made to accept the minutes, it was seconded by Jim Blake and seconded by Larry Warner and approved by vote.
 - c. VE Report - Randy Mather announced the results of two VE test sessions as follows:
 - (1) 2/27/2018: 8 **V**oluntary **E**xaminers were present
 - (2) 5 tests were administered to 3 candidates with the following results:
 - (a) 2 new HAMS at the Technician Level
 - (b) 1 upgraded from General to Extra Level
 - (3) 3/18/2018: 8 **V**oluntary **E**xaminers were present
 - (4) 10 tests were administered to 5 candidates with the following results
 - (a) 5 new HAMS at the Technician Level
 - d. Education Report – Jim Blake has received inquiries from two groups who will provide the training space. There is a shortage of instructors. He announced that there would be a Technician Level Class presented on 16-18 March. He noted that training material needs to be improved with the folding in of general level instruction also. If any volunteers want to work on the deck of training slides please contact Jim. Rob suggested that specific groups be notified that we welcome 'drop-ins'.
 - e. 5 year plan. Rob wants to firm up some previously identified subjects of interest so he passed around a sign up list of several activities. The groups are:
 - (1) Education Group that could pursue support of schools. The ARRL supports a 'School Kids Roundup' that we may want to adopt.
 - (2) Membership Group (welcoming committee).
 - (3) Repeater support Group
 - (4) Contesting group

- f. Investment Committee - Loren Hole reported that there had been significant restructuring of the committee however it should all be resolved by next Tuesday. Rob explained that a review of the Investment Policy showed that as the President he could not be on the committee as well as the Secretary or the Treasurer. Larry Warner had been appointed by the Board. Thus Loren, Larry, Tom Hutchinson would constitute the committee with Randy Mather (Treasurer) having access to the investment accounts.
 - g. Tech Committee report: Rob and Randy Mather reported that the new UHF and VHF antennas had been ordered and would arrive this next week. A work party will be scheduled after the antennas are inspected and the weather is satisfactory. We will try to salvage the old antennas and reuse if needed. Jim Ludden asked about the APRS antenna. Rob responded that financial restraints preclude installation at this time. H
 - h. EMCOMM report - Jim Ludden announced that the Everett ACS group, under the control of the Office of Emergency Management was trying to equip each Fire Station with radios for use by the ACS. He described the ACS as a group of HAM operators who volunteer to support the City in a Disaster event or major public activity (i.e. 4th July parade). If interested in participating contact Jim. Bob Wheeler reminded everyone about the Comm Academy on 14 April. It will be at South Seattle Community College for two days. Jim announced that Marysville is initiating an ACS group and Diana Rose is the POC. He encouraged people who are interested in Disaster Preparedness communication should sign up with the city to get vetted before any event occurs.
 - i. DX Report – John Van Dalen reported that there is currently a worldwide contest happening. Anybody interested should contact John Van Dalen.
 - j. Hamfest calendar – Dave Archer announced planned HamFests:
 - (1) Yakima: 8 April
 - (2) Stanwood: 12 May
 - (4) Dayton, Ohio
 - (5) CPAC (Seaside, Oregon): 1-3 June
 - k. Quartermaster Report – Steve Elli announced that a cleaning party for the storage trailer will be scheduled when there is better weather.
 - l. Net Control - Due to the resignation of Brien Wight KD7LEE, Jim Hill W7ETE will be the Net Control Coordinator.
 - m. Membership Report: Roger Hoot reported three new members:
 - (1) Timothy Gibbons KF7MTX
 - (2) Gary Foss KI7TUJ
 - (3) Joshua Townson KI7TIQ
4. Old Business
- a. The President reported that the final budget approved by the Board included \$500 for repeater upgrades, \$150 for tent flooring options, and \$1500 for a Club HF radio.
 - b. Repeater Review. Antennas have been ordered and when weather permits and Jim Blake is available to climb the tower they will be installed.
 - c. Rob announced that SK Frank Remington's antenna was removed from his house and now available for disposal. It is an older model so the antenna is priced at \$500; the 2 towers sections are available at \$50 each. The rotor and the controller will be priced at 50% of new price. Jim Blake clarified that the Club only has one top tower section remaining.

5. At 0900 the 50/50 raffle drawing was conducted with Jill Hatch drawing the winning ticket #301639 which was held by Randy Mather who won \$45 of the \$90 pot.
6. New Business
 - a. Field Day / 7QP planning – Randy Mather stated that permits for each site had been requested, although no permit is required for the 7QP site - use was approved. The first planning meeting will be on 28 March at 1800 at Alf's in Marysville. He would like to have an 'understudy' if someone is interested in coordinating future events.
 - b. 5-year plan review – Previously discussed but will continue to be pursued.
 - c. Dave Cornell stated that another Yagi antenna clinic will be held in January.
6. Calendar of Events
 - a. 7QP – May 5-6
 - b. Stanwood/Camano swap meet – May 12
 - c. Field Day – June 23-24
 - d. NNO - Aug 7 - National Night Out (Neighborhood Security) = opportunity to promote HAM radio.
 - e. ILLW – Whidbey sites under consideration - Kevin.
 - f. Salmon Run – September 15/16: Need Coordinator & Location
 - g. Christmas Party – December 15th: Looking for larger venue w/better parking (cheap) - Church, school, etc
7. There was a motion to adjourn, it was seconded and a vote approved the adjournment of the meeting.
8. Program (none this month)

Submitted by Roger Hoot KF7WVT
Secretary