

Snohomish County Hams Club

General Membership Meeting

Minutes

July 28, 2018

1. The meeting was called to order at 0801 by the President Rob Salsgiver NR3O
2. Introductions
 - a. Call for first time visitors. There were a few visitors who introduced themselves:
 - (1) John Anderson KD7BZX - Marysville
 - (2) Art Olson - Everett
 - (3) Steve Getty - Bend, OR
 - (4) B.J. Guillot - Marysville
 - (5) Jim Webster - Everett
 - (6) Kirk KF7GUH
 - (7) Pat - Seattle
 - (8) Guest Speaker: Mike Ritz W7VO Scappoose, OR
 - b. The membership introduced themselves
 - c. The following announcements were made by the president:
 - (1) Since we are having a presentation, the agenda will be somewhat modified.
 - (2) The 50/50 Raffle drawing will be at 0900 - buy tickets prior.
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 by Dennis Bradford and approved by vote.
 - b. Secretary - Roger Hoot announced that the minutes of last meeting's (May) had been posted on the Club website and requested approval of the posted minutes. A motion was made by Larry to accept the minutes, it was seconded by Randy Mather and approved by vote.
 - c. Tom Hutchinson N7PKK: JOTA will be on 20-21 Oct at both Fire Mtn & Lake Rosiger; he is looking for volunteers and passed around two sign-up sheets. Randy will post an announcement on the website. Rob requested a list of needs. Tom requested that everybody bring their H/T
 - d. Randy provided a Field Day review. Results were: 391 phone contacts; 149 CW contacts, and 1 digital contact for a total of 541 contacts which equated to 2952 points. He received numerous positive remarks on the success of the event due to the well organization of the setup and station operation. Randy reported that we made 30 GOTA contacts which was a primary objective. Jess Ray provided everyone with a pictorial DVD of the FD.
 - e. Larry Warner, as Chairperson of the nominating committee (Don Anderson, Don Mittelstaedt, Loren Hole, and Kevin Lynch) announced the following positions that need to be filled:
 - (1) President
 - (2) Vice President
 - (3) Secretary
 - (4) Director at Large (John Van Dalen's position)He hopes to conduct the election in September. Nominations are invited.
 - f. Richard Derrick announced that a group of Girl Scouts will be holding a "Zombie Survival Challenge" which is a theme for learning 'disaster preparedness' concepts

that include emergency communication. He is requesting volunteers to teach how HAM radio can be used. The event will be at Silver Lake Park on 26 August 2018; with two sessions 1000-1200 & 1300-1500. Rob told Richard to publicize on the reflector. It was determined that this will not be a Club sponsored event, but members can independently volunteer to assist.

- g. Michael Hill is looking for volunteers to support the National Night Out for the Delta Neighborhood in a Safety & Security role on 7 August at Wiggums Hollow Park
- h. A presentation was made by Mike Ritz W7VO; summarized below:

ARRL NW Division Director / Vice Director election will be held this fall

Mike Ritz (W7VO) who travelled all the way up from Scappoose Oregon to pay us a visit. Mike has announced his candidacy for the ARRL NW Division Director position being vacated by Jim Pace, K7CEX.

Mike briefly and tastefully covered a number of the issues that have surrounded the ARRL in the last year, and shared his beliefs on how the ARRL should be run and represent its members. Transparency and fairness are two of the concepts he firmly believes, as well as the belief that Section 8 of the ARRL Code of Conduct should be repealed.

While Mike is not a member or endorsed by MyARRLVoice.org, his and their views are very compatible and similar. For more details on Mike and the various issues surrounding the ARRL controversies over the last year, feel free to explore some of the below links:

- Mike Ritz W7VO Election page - <http://www.w7vo.com/election.html>
- What the heck is the ARRL Board thinking? (KB6NU Ham Radio Blog) - <https://www.kb6nu.com/heck-arrrl-board-thinking/>
- Minutes of ARRL Special Board Meeting censuring N6AA - <https://www.kb6nu.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Minutes-of-Special-Board-Meeting-ARRL-Board-of-Directors-1.pdf>
- [MyARRLVoice.org](http://www.mylarvoice.org) – A grass roots effort to promote Transparency, Governance, and Accountability improvements within the ARRL.
- ARRL “Code of Conduct” (formally: ARRL Policy on Board Governance and Conduct of Members of the Board of Directors and Vice Directors) - <http://www.arrrl.org/files/file/ODV/ARRL%20Code%20of%20Conduct.pdf>
 - o Of particular interest is SECTION 8 – SUPPORT OF BOARD DECISIONS
 - o Note: The Code of Conduct was suspended earlier this year pending review. Depending on the election outcome and/or the review it may be re-instituted or cancelled. Your vote counts!

All club members (and in particular ARRL members) are encouraged to read up on the issues, investigate the candidates, and vote accordingly. Regardless of your beliefs, IT IS IMPORTANT TO VOTE!!! Ballots will be sent by mail in October this year!

- i. The 50/50 raffle drawing was held. Ticket number 4917126 was drawn. It was held by Bob Wheeler who received \$39; half of the \$78 pot

j. Education Report: Jim Blake announced his plans to conduct a Technician Class slated for 2nd weekend in September (Sept 7,8,9). Education Coordinator Jim Blake will be tagging you soon with more details and looking for instructors for the class.

k. Quartermaster update – Ray Smith (KD7AVP) has taken the helm from Steve Elli (K7LKA) as Quartermaster. We have a need to re-seal the roof of the club storage trailer in August before the foul weather sets in. Ray will be looking for knowledgeable people on the best way to do this and for some help to schedule the work. Likely only to take a couple hours, but it needs to be done to protect our investment! Look for Ray’s email in the next week or so and give him a hand please!

7. The meeting was adjourned at 0935.