

Snohomish County Hams Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Rainier Room, Providence Colby Campus

February 22, 2020

1. The meeting was called to order at 0800 by the President, Jim Hill NJ5DX.

2. Introductions

A. The President made a call for first time visitors.

Vern Rasmussen (no call yet)

B. The membership introduced themselves.

3. Announcements:

A. Following the meeting there will be a discussion instead of a presentation.

B. The President announced the 50/50 raffle. Tickets will be on sale until 0845. The drawing will be held at 0900.

4. Reports

A. Secretary's Report – Anne K2MTN announced that the minutes of the last meeting in January 2020 had been posted on the Club website. She requested approval of the posted minutes. A motion was made (by Jim NJ5DX) to accept the minutes as posted; It was seconded (by Randy) and approved by vote.

B. Treasurer's report – Randy AJ7B announced that the monthly treasurer's report had been posted on the Club website. A motion was made to accept the report as posted (by Jim NJ5DX); it was seconded (by Randy) and approved by vote.

C. Randy AJ7B provided the VE report: On 25 January, with eight VE's administering 26 tests to 20 candidates, resulting in:

- (1) 12 new HAMS at Technician Level
- (2) 2 new HAMS at General Level
- (3) 2 upgraded from Technician to General
- (4) 2 upgraded from Technician to Extra
- (5) 2 candidates failed to upgrade from Technician to General

D. Jim Blake KD7JB gave an update for Education: There will be a Tech class in mid-March (21-22) and we have 1 applicant so far. Hopefully we will not have to cancel. They aren't signed up until they do the paperwork and pay the fee.

E. Anne K2MTN gave a report of new members. There were 10 new members since January.

Jeff Weinstock (CSP)

Doug Walker KJ7KZE

Sean Olson KJ7KEL
Kristen Querriera
Patrick Klaus KJ7LST
J. Lynn Ludtka KJ7LSK
Christina Oakes KJ7LSL
David Oakes KJ7LSM
Kevin Deutscher KJ7MCU
Ed Garrett KJ7LSI

5. Jim NJ5DX our President announced the replacement of 2 Executive Board Members.

The new Replacement Secretary is Anne Garay K2MTN

The new Replacement Past President is Kenn Rich W7SLW

6. Jim NJ5DX announced our Club received the 2019 ARRL Special Service Club Award

7. Recap of Westgate Elementary Science Night February 21

a. 17 Participants (Let me know if I missed anyone) – Jim Blake KD7JB, David Oakes KJ7LSM, Christina Oakes KJ7LSL, Jim Hill NJ5DX, Anne Garay K2MTN, Curt N7OBI, Tim KJ7AKV, Barry WA7BAR, Michael Hill WA7MPH, John Van Dalen N7AME, George K7RNI, Michael Burnette AF7KB, Dave Cornell W9LD, J. Lynn Ludtka KJ7LSK, Jennifer Blake KJ7ARG, Ginni Cornell, and Debra Hill

b. Coordinators – Jim Blake KD7JB, David Oakes KJ7LSM

c. We were given permission to use the DEM repeater with the help of Jim Ludden K7KFB

d. Set up 5-6pm went well. We were ready ahead of time. We were told that our room had the most visitors of any of the displays. Clean up was also very quick and we were done around 8:50pm or so.

8. 7QP – Tim Kephart (KJ7AKV) is Coordinator

7QP event will be the 1st Weekend in May. Setup on Friday afternoon. Saturday all day. Sunday take down.

9. The Coordinator for 2020 Field Day (Curt Green N7OBI) announced that weekly meetings will start in March.

3/5 is the first of weekly meetings

The park is the same as last year.

10. Discussion of Paid Members Policy (Jim NJ5DX)

a. The annual dues of \$20 per person help to pay for many costs related to the Club activities enjoyed by all such as 7QP, Field Day, and the Christmas Party. Also, the purchase and maintenance of equipment used by the Club such as the Icom radios used at events and the repeaters and the costs to license the trailer. The costs of the website maintenance and insurance are also part of the costs.

b. Because there are a number of people who don't pay their dues and yet use the Club resources we are considering changing the password for the "Members Only" section of the website to encourage members to pay. Currently the only difference between paying and non-paying members is "Voting". With this proposed change the difference between paying and non-paying members would be "Voting" and access to the "Members Only" section of the website.

c. The proposal is to send the new password on 3/1 to everyone who has paid by the end of February each year. That would give 3 months from when we start collecting the dues each year to the end of February for the normal dues paying period. After that dues would still be collected and the password would be sent on a one by one basis.

d. David commented that he doesn't like having a new password each year. Too many passwords in the world.

e. Cowboy suggested a Login for the main website with each person having a personal Login that would stay the same if you paid your dues by the due date.

f. Michael Hill asked if members who haven't paid will receive emails from the relectors?

g. Steve commented that this is not a "new policy"...our Club used to change the password each year and it is fair that people should pay to support the Club.

h. Chaz said that we should get people who know WordPress and implement individual Logins to the website.

i. Jim Blake said that we've considered the time involved and in the past decided not to implement Logins individually due to the fact that volunteers do all the work and it would need to be maintained.

j. Michael Burnette suggested we implement "on-line payments" instead of pdfs printed and filled out and mailed to Randy for dues each year.

k. Jim Blake said we discussed this for paying for Classes...but it does cost money to have online payments available...there is an annual fee plus a "per transaction" fee.

l. Chaz said that once "auto-pay" is set up some people will just keep paying on auto-pay even if they move away or are not participating.

m. Randy said that Square take 2% and if people don't fill out the form then Randy & Anne have to fill out the form info.

n. Phyllis said Camano Island Ham Club has "voluntary dues"

o. Tim said if it is not broken...why change it for the once a year membership dues. The process works.

p. Jim Hill said the Board will bring some recommendations and the Membership group will discuss this subject again soon.

11. Repeater Update by Henry: The repeaters are working fine.

12. Jim announced a presentation for the March Meeting –

Setting up an HF Station with David Cornell W9LD

New Business

13. Randy said that the Trailer is located at Randy's house and it is turning green. It needs to be cleaned. Ray said as Quarter Master ...He will get a team together to scrub with buckets, soap and water.

14. Michael Hill said Mic & Key is coming up 3/7. It is a Flea Market type event.

15. Victor said Thanks to all the members for the service award and he said the Snohomish ACS needs more members. To join the ACS you need to have a background check and you can't wait until a disaster and then expect to be able to help. Contact Rachel at rdoniger@everettwa.gov

Raffle Tickets Last Call

17. The 50/50 raffle drawing was held. The pot was worth \$104 with half value being \$52 to the winner.

Ticket number ending #196 was drawn which was held by Bill Walsh

18. The President announced that we would have a Discussion/Presentation Round Table Discussion

19.. The meeting was adjourned at 09:06am.

Submitted by Anne Garay K2MTN