

Snohomish County Hams Club  
General Membership Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting

0900 August 28, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 0900 by the Ray Smith KD7ADP. The meeting was recorded. Here is the link.

<https://youtu.be/sVJ5j9Ujp0E>

1. Welcome

- A. Zoom Etiquette and Protocols (Ray KD7ADP)
  - a. First & Last Name plus Call Sign in Screen Name
  - b. Keep yourself muted unless you are called upon to speak
  - c. Use the Hand Raising function in Zoom if you want to speak. The moderator will be watching for raised hands. You can use the Chat or the Hand Raising.
- B. We will be recording this Zoom meeting and posting it for members to watch (probably on YouTube because the file is too large to send by email). If you have any concerns about being recorded, we wanted to make you aware so that you can turn off your video if you wish.
- C. Any First Time Visitors/Guests? none

3. Reports

- A. Secretary's Report - Anne K2MTN announced that the minutes of the last meeting in July 2021 had been posted on the Club website 8/19/21. She requested approval of the posted minutes. A motion was made (by James Wells KJ7ARR) to accept the minutes as posted; It was seconded (by Roger Hoot KF7WVT) and approved by vote. No questions.
- B. Treasurer's report – Randy AJ7B announced that the monthly Treasurer's report had been posted on the Club website. He screen-shared the report. Income of \$20.09 and Expenses of \$513.33. Checking Account Balance of \$8,227.49, Repeater Maintenance Fd \$605.52, Repeater Endowment Fd \$16,666.77, General Investment FD \$747.85. No questions. A motion was made to accept the report as posted (by Roger KF7WVT); it was seconded (by Anne K2MTN) and approved by vote.
- C. VE Report - Randy said that members of our SCHC VE Team have joined the Lake Washington Amateur Radio Club (LWARC) which is online testing, and that group is still looking for more VEs if you are interested. Randy or Tim Kephart can help get you connected to do online VE. Hopefully we will get back to in-person testing soon.
- D. Education report – Jim Blake KD7JB not on the call.
- E. New Member Introduction – Anne K2MTN There were no new members.

F. List of Attendees – Anne K2MTN read a list of the members attending today using her attendance sheet and the names listed in the participant's window. There were 28 members and 1 guest Tim K3LR from DX Engineering.

G. Repeater Update

a. New Repeaters - Rob NR30 – We've had periodic issues with EchoLink but it has mostly been due to Windows updates. We have considered replacing with a Raspberry Pi to avoid these issues. If anyone has an interest in that as a project...let Rob know. He can help, but he doesn't have the bandwidth to prioritize it right now. We have installed the UPS battery backup systems...but we need to install a 30-amp outlet to make it fully functional. Hopefully, we will get that done soon. Radio Station KRKO has been bleeding into the Repeater sometimes Rob noticed. Roger asked if there is a particular time this happens. Rob said afternoons or evenings. Tim said he has heard it in the morning when he is going to work between 2:30 and 3:00am and it is KRKO in Everett. Tim said it is breaking the squelch on the Radio. Steve Burling said KRKO uses a 450 link frequency to send their signal from the studio to the transmitter site. Rob suspected it might be due to a 450 link.

b. Old Repeaters – Henry KH6VM

4. Old Business

A. Net Control Operator (Ray KD7ADP) We are still looking for someone to add to the Net Control Operator rotation. Being able to consistently hit the Repeater is a trait that is needed. If anyone has interest, we do have training and documentation. Let us know.

B. Arlington Boys & Girls Club (Rob NR30) We have reserved a room at the Boys & Girls Club for our Members in-person meetings on Sep 25, Oct 23, Nov 27, and for a Christmas Party Dec 11<sup>th</sup> (Party date not yet confirmed). We are planning to have a Zoom option but we haven't yet tested that ability.

C. T-Shirts Order (Anne K2MTN) The order cut-off date was Friday August 20<sup>th</sup>. Anne will pick up the shirts and contact people about delivery. She will also bring them to the next meeting in September.

D. Club Elections (Ray KD7ADP & Dennis Bradford W7DEB) The Nominating Committee is requesting nominations. The nominating committee this year consists of Kerry Burnette KC7YL, Loren Hole KK7M, Jess Ray AD7PZ, and Dennis Bradford W7DEB. We are especially looking for nominees for President, Vice President, and a Director position which are term limited out. The Treasurer and Secretary positions are also up for the vote each year. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ray or Dennis Bradford.

5. New Business

A. Salmon Run Sep 18-19th (Ray KD7ADP) Salmon Run is coming soon. Ray asked for comments or if anyone wants to share their plans. Rob will be operating out of the house. Hopefully the 3 year old won't chime in too much. The Blakes will be in Douglas county. It would be interesting

to know who is going to what far flung county...so that we can try to get those counties. We could put it out on the reflector so everyone would know who is where. Dave said that the Long Island Radio Club is offering a CW for kids class.

B. Christmas Party Dec 11th (Ray KD7ADP) The date is tentatively set for Dec 11<sup>th</sup>. We are assuming that Covid won't prevent us from celebrating. We are looking for a coordinator for the Christmas Party. We will also need an Emcee and people to setup before and take down and clean up afterward. If you have any interest in participating, reach out to Ray. We are particularly interested in getting a coordinator.

C. Route 66 on the Air is coming up. Victor wanted to make the announcement. It will benefit a blind individual this year. Special Call Sign W6E ...Event is Sept 11<sup>th</sup> – 19th

D. Any other new Business? (Ray KD7ADP)

6. The meeting was adjourned at 9:32am. Moved by Anne K2MTN second by Roger Hoot KF7WVT passed by vote.

Presentation: Tim from DX Engineering K3LR presented a program on "Grounding and Bonding".

Submitted by Anne Garay K2MTN  
SCHC Secretary