

3/22 March 22, 2014 Meeting Minutes
General meeting

Dave WA7DGW called the meeting to order at 8:02 AM in the Cascade Room of Providence Medical Center. Visitors and members introduced themselves. New faces were acknowledged in particular.

REPORTS

Treasurer's report: Tom Smith K7AFA read the Treasurer's Report. He also described payments still required for tee shirts. Order for shirts will go in soon. Bank statement is on record sheet with the Board minutes. The report was approved.

Secretary: Motion to approve minutes from February 22, 2014 was seconded. Randy AJ7B reminded us that a motion was made and approved to form a Committee to mitigate interference at Field Day. With this addition, the motion to approve minutes passed.

VE report: Loren KK7M reported on Feb 22 VE session, which served eight persons. All passed tests, six new Techs with upgrade to general class. In addition, following the education classes managed by Jim K7KFB, 26 persons took 50 tests. There were 21 new Techs and five new Generals. There will be another VE session today following the meeting at Bakerview Apartments.

Education report: Jim K7KFB reported on the education classes, which were so successful. Teaching was a cooperative measure among several teachers. Jim recommends that applicants purchase their own books (e.g., from Amazon) to reduce confusion in the future. The Committee attempts to avoid conflict with other clubs' education classes.

Tech report: Dave WA7DGW thanks Steve KJ7YL and Paul KD7EJI for work to complete installation of Echolink on the WA7LAW/R repeater. Steve purchased an adaptor to interface between the computer and repeater controller.

Emcomm Report: Bob Wheeler KC7QT reported. He gave several dates on the ham radio calendar.

DX report: Frank K7GSE said that HF bands have been active with good conditions. He worked Iran on 15 meters, and is approaching Honor Roll listing. Obtaining the QSL card from Iran is a costly enterprise. He mentioned several new locations on air at this time. A rare one off of the coast India is attracting pileups. For more info, see DX-world.net. For propagation info, see solarhams.net.

OLD BUSINESS:

Field Day: Jim Blake KD7JB announced the next planning meeting, Thursday, March 27. Board approved purchase of a 20-40-80 meter triplexer-filter for Field Day, and Rob NR3O has done the same for 10-15-20 meters, which can be used for Field Day. Curt N7OBI continues to provide networking for the event. The now owns an Ethernet hub. Chris K7II and Jim NE7F has been working on a patch panel for Field Day. Employing the triplexer-filter systems, we expect to work all HF bands with two antennas, and four stations.

Tee Shirts: Ken KE7ND said that he and Treasurer Sharon have the list of those ordering tee shirts. He reviewed what will be printed on the tee shirt, white on black. Patches are available for a fee.

Audit Committee: Rob NR3O confirmed that the Audit Committee will activate next week.

Club storage unit: Dave WA7DGW reported that Don Anderson has offered space for the storage unit on his property. Loren described the space, which can be secured for the Club. Don's only requirement is that an inventory be provided. The space is available immediately. Jim KD7JB recommended a permanent position called "Quartermaster". Dave W9LD recommended that the Quartermaster idea, which involved responsibilities and legal issues be referred to the board for study and recommendation to the members. Rob moved and it was seconded to refer the issue to the Board. Motion passed.

Code oscillators: Ken KE7ND has built 72 code practice oscillators to give away at public events like school science fairs. JOTA occurs in October, third weekend.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Calendar:

7QP, May 3-4, 2302 Soper Hill Road, Eagle Ridge Park, behind Lake Stevens Senior Center

Stanwood - Camano Hamfest, May 10,

Field Day, Harborview Park, June 27-28-29 (no Club meeting)

Program: Dave W9LD presented the program "Echolink Demystified."

Respectfully submitted
Dave Cornell, W9LD, Secretary

Approved
Dave Williamson, WA7DGW, President