

Minutes of General Meeting held on 03-27-2004 at Providence Medical Center

The meeting was opened at 0802 R by Vice President, Bill Painter, N7AOB. He had the membership introduce themselves.

Minutes of the February 28, 2004 meeting were presented by Secretary, Gary, W7MGG. The minutes were approved as read.

Loren, KK7M, was asked if he had a VE report. Loren said he had just returned from Arizona and had no report.

A treasurer's report was given by Treasurer, Gary, W7MGG. The checking account balance as of 26 March 2004 is \$1,286.51. Income for the period 28 February 2004 through 26 March 2004 was:

Donations:	\$ 10.00
Membership Dues:	60.00
Speed Dial:	5.00

Expenses for the period 28 February 2004 to 26 March 2004 was:

Verizon telephone:	23.00
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Jon, N7WDF, Tech Committee representative, gave a report of the repeater status. He said that the repeater was off for a week due to interference problems. The problem "went away", and the repeater has been functioning properly since.

Don, AB7V, VE liason for the test session on 28 February 2004, indicated that ten exams were administered.

Examiners scheduled for today's exams are:

Bill Hughes	N7YH
Bill Painter	N7AOB
Gary Whiting	W7MGG
Don Anderson	AB7V

Bill, N7AOB, announced that Elvin Gustafson, W7KNL, a 90 year old ham living in Lynnwood, would like to get a two-meter transceiver with some help setting it up for use at his living quarters. Loren, KK7M, indicated he might have an IC-230 and would be willing to donate it if he still has it. Other offers were made and the project will be coordinated by Bill, N7AOB.

For a program, Jim Fenstermaker, K9JF, Vice Director, NW Division, ARRL, spoke on the subject before the FCC for ruling, Broadband over Power Line (BPL). This matter will not be resolved anytime soon. Interference to other radio services created by BPL is the primary concern.

Jon, N7WDF, related how Puget Sound Energy Co. will be conducting testing to determine if, and how much, interference is caused.

Jim Fenstermaker also talked about the proposed ham licensing restructuring also before the FCC. The ARRL has put out much information on the internet covering this matter and it will be a while before it is decided.

Also briefed were the matters of HR 513, before the State Legislature and the Antenna Bill. The latter has failed to pass committee and Jim urged everyone to contact their local congressmen and promote passage of the Antenna Bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 0908 R by Vice President, Bill, N7AOB.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary N Whiting, W7MGG
Secretary