

Minutes of General Meeting held on 07-24-2004 at Providence Medical Center

The meeting was opened at 0800 R by President, Steve Burling, KJ7YL. There were six (6) members present and thus the usual introductions were not made.

The minutes of the May 22, 2004 meeting were presented by Secretary, Gary, W7MGG. The minutes were approved as read. There was no meeting in June 2004 since Field Day fell on that weekend.

The treasurer's report was read by Treasurer, Gary, W7MGG. The checking account balance as of 23 July 2004 was \$1213.77 Income for the period 26 June 2004 through 23 July 2004 was:

Membership Dues :	\$ 30.00
Speed Dial :	10.00
Donations :	5.00 (Postma K7GBN-Generator gas)

Expenses for the period 26 June 2004 through 23 July 2004 were:

Verizon Phone :	\$ 22.58
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VE Liason Examiner, Loren, KK7M, reported that the exam session held on 26 June 2004 was conducted by the following examiners:

W7MGG	Gary
KT7W	Tony
K67JS	Marve
AB7V	Don
KK7M	Loren

We served four people, but two of them were served twice. We administered seven tests-only four were passed

As a result of all our volunteer effort, we brought two new Technicians into Ham Radio. We collected \$72.00 which was sent to ARRL.

Exam team for today will be:

W7MGG	Gary
N7YH	Bill
N7ADB	Bill
KK7M	Loren

Effective 1 July 2004, a new question pool went into effect. Today the exam team will be using tests dated July 2004. FORGEMER AL (correctum-add) (Done)

President, Steve, KJ7YL, declared that a board meeting will be held on 29 July 2004 at 1900 R. It will be held at Providence Hospital in the dining area.

President, Steve, KJ7YL, said that the Field Day was a success. He reported that more hams showed up and participated in the setup than in recent years. He commented that the phone tree notification of club members probably contributed to the increase in attendance at Field Day this year. President, Steve, said he would put pictures taken at Field Day on the club website.

Club meeting attendance dwindling: The small group in attendance at this meeting discussed concerns about dwindling meeting attendance. President, Steve, KJ7YL, reflected a dialog sent out by Riley Hollingsworth at the Dayton 2004 Hamvention, expressing concerns about the decline of interest in Ham Radio since the 1960's.

Loren, KK7M, suggested that we begin sending "snail-mail" meeting notices to all members every 2 or 3 months, either in addition to, or replacement of the email and repeater announcements. There has been some indication from unidentified members that they haven't been attending because they haven't been getting postcard reminders in the last couple of years.

A club member revealed that Ham, David Nystrom, KA7UYZ, of Marysville, has offered to give the club his Rohn 25 tower which could be sold for a fund raising project. Those present expressed favoring this idea and suggested that a group from the club could dismantle the tower fairly easily. No specific plan was made to accomplish this.

Loren, KK7M, the repeater voice making hourly announcements, complained that he is growing weary of hearing his voice continuously and hopes for some relief by someone to take his place. No specific plan was offered to this either.

The group questioned what happened that we weren't involved in Lake Stevens Aquafest activities this year. The answer: Those new folks at the helm were not properly advised of our services by outgoing officers. Remedy has been made so we will be involved next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 0855 R.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary N Whiting, W7MGG
Secretary