

Minutes of General Meeting held on 01-28-2006 at Providence Medical Center

The meeting was opened at 0800 R by Past President, Loren Hole, KK7M. President, Frank Dolan, N7WUB, was attending an emergency water leak at home. Those present at the meeting introduced themselves. There were twenty two in attendance.

There was no formal minutes taken of the December 17, 2005 meeting since it was the annual Christmas Party. The Board Meeting activities of 28 January 2006 were reviewed. The reference to Robin McGee, of the Red Cross, as "Mr" was corrected to "Ms". The error has been corrected in the Board minutes by the secretary. The report was accepted otherwise.

Volunteer Examiner's Report:

Loren Hole, VE Liason, reported that the conference room at the Baker Heights Housing Authority building has been reserved for our testing use in 2006.

There was no testing session held in December.

Those VE's available for today's testing are:

Bill Painter	N7AOB
Bill Hughes	N7YH
Gary Whiting	W7MGG
Keith Jackson	AD7FT
Loren Hole	KK7M

Loren Hole advised that the VE group will not withhold expense funds from the Brier Emergency Services testing session to be held in mid-February 2006. Loren announced that he will be going to Arizona during the period February through March, and will plan to return home in April 2006. He named Gary Whiting, W7MGG, as the Liason VE during his absence.

Technical Committee Report:

Tech Committee Chairman, Jon Fortier, N7WDF, reported that the generator was down for a time last month. Replacement of the UHF repeater will require about \$900 budgeted. Plans are being made to put the receiver on Gunsite Ridge and to reactivate the 911 autopatch feature. Putting the receiver on Gunsite Ridge should extend the usable range of the repeater, a needed improvement. The 911 autopatch feature was shut down a year ago due to abuse. The source of abuse has since been resolved. There has been no solid accomplishment in solving the repeater interference from the British Columbia repeater, VE7RBB. Loren Hole has submitted a letter to our WVARA organization, but they passed the problem back to us. SCHC will probably submit a suggestion to the BC Repeater Group to install a PL tone system, which should solve the problem.

Steve Hagberg, KE7EWJ, has volunteered to work with Steve Burling, KJ7YL, to develop the new club website at www.wa7law.com.

Paul Erickson, KD7EJI, has volunteered to help with the Echo-Link project that has been on the back-burner for some time.

Program:

Steve Burling, KJ7YL, presented a very interesting program with slide projection of his own version of the Remote Control of a home ham station via internet. Coinciding with Steve's presentation was an article in the latest QST Magazine. This program probably contributed to the greater attendance at the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 0915 R.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary N Whiting, W7MGG
Secretary