

Minutes of General Meeting
Held on 08-26-2006 at Providence Medical Center

The meeting was called to order by President, Frank Dolan, N7WUB, at 0800 R.

The President made announcements of coming events. A Hidden Xmtr Hunt is scheduled to follow the September meeting and Exam Session. Participants will be meeting at Frontier Village, Lake Stevens, about 1:00 PM in the Safeway parking lot. A Swap Meet is planned following the October meeting. Time and location will be announced later. The November program will be about a collection of telegraph keys, including Vibroplex "bugs", owned by Frank Remington, K7GSE. December Christmas party date and time is not yet firm.

The BSA merit badge program was reviewed. The BSA is looking for volunteers to fill instructor positions in this program. Application forms and personal data sheets can be obtained from the secretary.

The minutes to the July 22 meeting were read and approved after corrections regarding the Boeing Employees Amateur Radio Club swap meets were made.

Club financial reports were read. The checking account balance on 25 August 2006 was \$1045.45 including \$60.00 held in trust for VE expenses.

Income for the period 22 July 2006 through 25 August 2006 consisted of:

Donations	\$100.00
Membership dues	\$60.00
Speed Dial	\$ 5.00
Total	\$165.00

Expenses were:

Field Day BBQ	\$121.69
Miscellaneous	37.81
Sales Tax	2.86
Telephone	25.29
Total	\$187.65

VE Report for August 26, 2006 by Loren Hole, KK7M, Liason:
The last regular exam was held on July 22, 2006.

Examiners were:

Gary W7MGG
Bill N7YH
Bill N7AOB
Steve KJ7YL
Loren KK7M

We served nine and administered eleven tests. Eleven were passed. Seven earned Tech privileges; 2 earned General including Dale Shacklett, KA7MVP.

The exam team for today, 26 August 2006, will be:

Gary W7MGG
Steve KJ7YL
Bill N7YH
Loren KK7M

Tech Committee Report:

Jon, N7WDF, reported that the repeater has been working OK. The generator on-site is intermittent, but we are on deep-cycle battery power.

Dave Friedman, KE7GOY, asked if IRLP (Internet Radio Linking Project) can be put on our repeater. There was further discussion about making this happen.

Bill Hughes, N7YH, reported that he received an email from WSEN (Washington State Emergency Net) stating that all hams will be asked to monitor emergency channels. Concern was expressed whether "participating hams know the message format?".

Eric Nordin, AD7BF, related that the club could benefit by holding training classes in message handling.

The program was a slide show of Field Day pictures taken in June 2006 at the Field Day site, Harborview Park. The show was presented by Loren Hole, KK7M. Field Day certificates were presented to those who participated in the event.

I left the meeting to go to the VE testing at 0910 R.

The meeting adjourned at 0926 R.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary N Whiting, W7MGG
Secretary