

Minutes of General Meeting
Held on 11-24-07 at Providence Hospital in Everett

The meeting was called to order by President, Grant Hopper, at 08:07 AM. He asked for self-introductions around the room. There were 26 signed in.

The minutes of the October 27 meeting were read by Gary Whiting. They were approved as read. They are filed in the monthly envelope.

The financial report was read by Gary Whiting. It was approved as read. It is filed in the monthly envelope.

The VE report was read by Loren Hole. The report is filed in the monthly envelope.

The Education Committee report was given by Grant Hopper for Jim Ludden, who was absent. The last class was held on November 2-4, 2007, and had twelve students registered. Eleven passed the Tech Exam. Four instructors were at the session.

Future classes are scheduled for February 8-10, 2008 at the Everett Clinic located at 39th and Hoyt in Everett. A General Exam class is planned for late March 2008. Everett Fire Dept. and Robe Valley Fire Dept. have indicated that they want classes. More class instructors are being sought.

St. Grant Web-site Committee: Gar Thom and Rob Salsgiver are co-chairmen. They are looking for additional help in maintaining the website.

Technical Committee: Jon Fortier reported that there was an interference problem during November but it has been resolved. An operator inadvertently left the VOX switch on, on the transceiver and room noise triggered it. The problem was isolated and the operator notified. The problem was solved.

Jon stated that there will be autopatch and speed dial features in the upgraded repeater system. The completion of the project is close to being done.

Jon reported that the new UHF repeater is integrated with the new controller. It has eight analog inputs to use; is working currently; has 75 watts output. The old VHF repeater is still functioning. The "kerchunk" counter has a large tally of 3,781 at last viewing. Jon wants operators to 'properly identify' and not just push the transmit button to see if the repeater is working.

Annual Christmas Party: The party will be held in the large conference room at Baker Heights Center from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM on Saturday, December 15, 2007. A \$4.00 donation is requested of each attendee; each member will be asked to donate either a potluck main dish or dessert also. Members will be asked to bring donated gifts for the raffle. There will be a program and brief business meeting. Help will be needed from membership to set-up before the party and take-down afterward. The club is NOT charged the usual \$100 fee by the Housing Authority and so we need to closely adhere to thorough clean-up.

Nomination of Officers for 2008: Grant Hopper reported that at the board meeting held on November 17, 2007, the Board was convened and commissioned to be the Nominating Committee. Grant stated that the Secretary position and one Director position need to be filled. Grant indicated that he, and the VP, Eric Nordin, have agreed to continue for another term. Gary Whiting indicated he is also willing to continue for another term as Treasurer. Grant has compiled a list of prospects for the two offices.

Other business: Grant Hopper reported that Riley Hollingsworth, FCC Enforcement Officer, has decided NOT to retire, as previously announced. He will continue in the position.

Give-Away: Grant Hopper announced that a couple of boxes of FREE stuff is on the table in the back of the meeting room and invited anyone to take it away!

Program: Paul Erickson presented a program about RF Propagation.

Website: Frank Remington volunteered to be an editor of the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 09:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

