

Snohomish County Ham's Club Meeting Minutes for October 25, 2008

Meeting was called to order by President Grant Hopper KB7WSD at 8:10 am. There were 26 in attendance.

The September 27th meeting minutes were read (by Secretary Melisa KE7KRS) and motion to approve as read was made by Keith Jackson AD7FT and seconded by Dale Shacklet KA7MVP.

The Treasurer's report was read by Gary Whiting W7MGG. Bill Painter N7AOB moved to approve and David Cornell W9LD seconded. Please see attached report.

The VE report was given by Loren KK7M. There were 4 served, 8 tests administered, 6 passed. See attached report.

Membership: There was one new member for 2009 Keira Earhart KE7GUB and one renewal added for a total membership of 117.

Education committee Report was given by Jim Ludden KD7RHI. Class will be held November 14-16, flyers are out and people are registering. If the November 14-16 class fills up, there is a possibility that an overflow class may be offered the previous weekend. Scheduling instructors to teach the same modules as they have previously. Looking for someone to teach Transmitter/Receiver section as it is unknown whether Steve Hagberg will be available to teach this time. Loren asked what time VE's should arrive for testing; Jim said about 1:30. No date has been set for a General License class yet. The VE's will be able to accomodate a walk-in who would like to take the General Class test on Sunday after the class.

Web Report was given by Grant. Grant has not heard from Gar and is wondering if he may be ill. Grant is working on the website and asked for volunteers to help out with it, Keith Jackson volunteered again (as he did also in July).

DX Report – There was no DX report as Frank Remington was not in attendance.

The Technical committee Report was given by Jon Fortier N7WDF. Jon reported the link receiver is back up and working fine with help from Steve Burling and Rob Salsgiver. The link receiver is still in its external enclosure, there was not time to relocate it inside the container. Old machine is working OK. New VHF repeater is ready to go, ~~the new UHF repeater is ready to go,~~ but the new backup UHF repeater is still on the bench and needs some additional work. Hopefully by Christmas this will be finished up and the new machines will be on the air. We are considering adding another link receiver possibly down south a little further to help with signal into Lynwood and points south. Upper Ridge Road would be a good location but we don't have any club members who live there. Grant mentioned he knows a ham who lives close to there who may be a possibility.

Announcements: Mt. Baker ARC Swap Meet today – doors open at 9:00 A.M.

Old business: None

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Eric AD7BF and seconded by Bob Wheeler KC7QT.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 A.M.

Presentation immediately following the business meeting was a Power Point presentation on Fox Hunting and Radio Direction Finding presented by Grant Hopper.