

SNOHOMISH COUNTY HAMS CLUB

MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 24, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 8 AM by president Jim Ludden - KD7RHI.

Minutes from the December meeting were read by past secretary Melisa Nordin - KE7KRS. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Bill Painter - W7AOB and seconded by Bill Hughs - N7YH. The minutes were approved as read.

The treasurers report was read by treasurer, Gary Whiting - W7MGG. Eric Nordin - AD7BF made a correction to figures regarding purchases for door prizes. A motion was made to approve the report with Eric's corrections by Bill - N7AOB and seconded by Bob Wheeler - KC7QT. The treasurers report was approved as read. Gary also mentioned that he had new membership rosters.

KK7M - Loren Hole reported that Lorna Hole - KB7PG slipped on the ice and was seriously injured. A card was passed around to club members to sign, and the club sends wishes for speedy recovery.

Jon Fortier - N7WDF gave the technical committee report. All three transmitters are working fine. There have been some interference issues, some ducting was noticed this morning. No progress has been made with the replacement repeater system as of yet. He also mentioned that he would be needing funds for filing the renewal of the 2 meter repeater coordination.

President Jim Ludden, KD7RHI made known that the Mike & Key Flea Market was coming up in March and a few flyers were made available to members.

The education report was given by Grant Hopper - KB7WSD. It was noted that education materials were successfully transferred. Current Plans are to have 2 tech classes before field day and 2 tech classes after field day. There is discussion about possibly doing a class in coordination with the Everett Fire Department. There are also plans formulating for offering a General License Class in March. Also under consideration would be a possible Extra class to be offered in a 2 hour session on a weekly basis. It was mentioned that anyone interested in instructing would certainly be a welcome addition. Books for the General Class were not yet ordered, but in an informal poll of those interested from the club a good number of people already had books, so fewer will be ordered.

The mentoring committee report was made by Frank Dolan - N7WUB. It was noted that a flyer of mentoring volunteers had been made and was current.

Frank Remington - K7GSE made mention that Winter Field Day was the same day as the meeting that morning. He also made the DX report noting of some activity from the Faulken Islands by a YL group VP8YL would be active until January 30. Also W4A would be operating today from St. Petersburg, Florida.

NR3O - Rob Salsgiver gave a quick report on EMCOM/ARES. He noted that ARES was not used during the winter storm, noting that they usually are not called unless the power goes out.

Grant, KB7WSD made mention that the club does have a working website – WA7LAW.COM. He will be updating the critical information that needs to be changed for the year that is out of date. There are plans for improving usability, especially regarding club repeater information, which is hard to find. It was noted that you should use your callsign for your username when signing up for the site. Also the club is still looking for volunteers to help with the development and maintenance of the website.

AD7BF – Eric Nordin made mention that the club does have a Sunday Evening net a 7PM each Sunday and encouraged all members to please check in.

The Ham of the Year award was presented to N7PKK – Tom Hutchinson. Tom was caught by surprise as the secret was kept well by all. Tom was commended on his help in securing the meeting facility for the club and always being helpful in getting AV equipment as it was needed in the current and past years.

Field Day was brought before the membership and there was discussion about hosting VE Testing at Field Day for this year. David Freedmen proposed that we be more in tune with our invitation of attendees this year. Jon Fortier – N7WDF mentioned that we may not be able to rely on David Crosby's big tent each year at field day and that the club should look into a structure that can be used for field day and how to handle storage issues regarding such a structure.

Jon Fortier – N7WDF also mentioned that he would like to see a tech discussion take place after the regular weekly Sunday net.

Jim Ludden – KD7RHI mentioned that we need to come up with a reasonable solution for storage of club gear. If anyone has any solutions it would be quite welcome. Keith Jackson - AD7FT volunteered to try and look into that issue.

David Friedman - KE7GOY discussed the presentation on Depiction software that he would be giving after the meeting.

Jim Ludden – KD7RHI mentioned that he had information regarding the change from analog to digital TV.

The tradition of passing the gavel was initiated as the gavel was passed through the hands of past presidents and on to the new club president Jim Ludden - KD7RHI. Pictures were taken of the past and current Presidents as part of the celebration.

Loren Hole – KK7M gave a VE report. There was no testing in December, so there were no licenses to report, but he did make mention that the fee for testing had increased by \$1.00 to make it \$15.00

It was moved by JoAnne Erickson - KE7NBZ that the meeting be adjourned and seconded by Bill Painter – W7AOB. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 AM.