

Snohomish County Hams Club
Meeting Minutes
March 2012

President Rob Salsgiver called the meeting to order just after 8:00am.

Due to the club Secretary being called away to work, the meeting minutes were taken by Rob Salsgiver. Rob noted that it was likely the minutes would be light on details.

Conducted introduction of new members and first time visitors, followed by introductions around the room.

Treasurer's report was handed out, reviewed, and approved. Future treasurer's reports can be posted online for review prior to the meeting.

Comments were solicited for the past 2 months meeting minutes. January/February minutes were approved with changes noted to correct spellings.

VE Report – given. Another successful session, but specific numbers not recorded in the minutes. (Loren has the numbers).

DX Report – given by Frank, but specifics not noted for the minutes. Sun spot activity occasionally wreaks havoc with the bands, but other times are excellent for propagation.

Tech committee report – noted the acquisition of the duplexers.

Cafeteria update – Dr. Tom (N7PKK) gave an update letting us know that the hospital cafeteria was scheduled to be moved just prior to our next club meeting, and offered to give a tour following the meeting to where the new cafeteria would be located, and to show the location of the Rainier room – where some of the future meetings will be held.

Emcomm report – Bob Wheeler and Rob Salsgiver gave updates on the changes at DEM, and noted that discussions have been held with Scott Honaker to have a future club meeting and tour at the facility in the 2nd half of the year.

Announcements – Microhams digital conference and Communications Academy. Steve noted the favorable highlights of ham radio in the "Last Man Standing" TV series starring Tim Allen. Loren noted that the ARRL is coming out with a digital edition that will include all back issues.

It was noted that the May and October meetings are going to be held in the Rainier Room in the Medical Office Building (MOB).

Field Day report – Current field day status was covered by Alexis and Diane, who asked for a volunteer to serve as the "Grill Master" for Field Day. Thanks to Terry Stone for volunteering! Also as part of the Field Day discussion, Dave Cornell brought up the topic of acquiring a replacement tent for when we no longer have the use of Dave Crosby's equipment.

Web site – it was noted that we have people working on an update draft of the club website, and there would be additional news forthcoming as the project came along.

Bylaws committee – The bylaws committee has been formed for 2012 and currently consists of Frank Remington and Curt Green. Additional members are invited to join and participate.

Program for May will be QSL cards given by Frank Remington. April program TBD.

Meeting was adjourned and the program begun on Software Defined Radio.

Rob Salsgiver – acting Secretary.