

2015/01/24 January 2015 Meeting Minutes

General meeting

Raffle: Tickets were on sale for 50/50 raffle from 7:30-8:45AM.

Dave WA7DGW called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM in the Rainier Room of Providence Medical Center. Visitors and members introduced themselves around the table.

REPORTS

Treasurer's report: Randy AJ7B gave the Treasurer's report for January 17, 2015, which has been posted on the website. Motion to approve report was seconded, and passed.

Minutes: Minutes for the November 22, 2014, meeting have been on the website. Motion to approve minutes was seconded and passed.

VE report: Loren KK7M had no report, because it has been a long time since the last test session. The VE program has five members set to administer tests at the session today.

Education report: Jim K7KFB stated that interest exists for a class in March, awaiting confirmation of date, time, and place.

Westgate Elementary Science Fair: Jim also coordinates this event to be held on Friday, February 6. Participants are encouraged to wear their tee shirts. (See calendar below.)

Tech report: Steve KJ7YL reported that both UHF and VHF repeaters are working fine on air, including working as far south as Tukwila, if the path is clear. He is still communicating with alternative site owners. One site evaluation was \$2500, and \$1000 rent monthly.

EMCOMM Report: Bob Wheeler KC7QT reported on EmComm meetings coming in the near future. The meetings are regarded as well worth attending, including information and lunch.

DX report: Frank K7GSE said that the HF bands have been up and down recently. There is controversy on a DXpedition in Iran. A survey shows that 15 hams have worked the station involved there. Iran is a rarity, EP6T, and that station is working hard to make as many contacts as possible. Path from Iran to our West Coast has been poor. Navasa Island is the next DXpedition coming along. That team is in the Bahamas, awaiting permission to go onto the island, hopefully in early February. Navasa is #2 on the list of most desired DXCC entities.

OLD BUSINESS:

Field Day: Coordinator Don KG7HBT expects to reserve space at Alfie's Pizza for a Field Day meeting.

Tee shirts/patches: Quartermaster Steve K7LKA has them for sale. Rob NR3O is waiting for info about possibility of their being available at lower cost.

FISTS CW training disks: See Quartermaster. Quantity has been refreshed in shipment from FISTS Club. They are FREE for members.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ham of the Year: Loren KK7M presented the Ham of the Year Award, trophy for which is an antique transmitting tube. It is mounted on a wooden base made by a member, and the plaque shows previous recipients since 1991. The award for 2014 went to David Cornell W9LD, who has been active in many Club activities.

Repeater antenna location: Dave WA7DGW, Rob NR3O, et al, have been working on new antenna tower for installation on Bakerview Apartment building. Guy wires and coaxial feedline will be replaced.

Laptop purchase: The Board authorized purchase of five laptops, total expenditure not to exceed \$1600. These will replace loaners with a set of compatible laptops with the same operating system. Rob has researched and recommended several alternative units to purchase. Laptop purchase is part of a larger Capital Expenditure program, which includes triplexers (2014), laptops (2015), tent (2016), and tower/antenna (2017).

Program: Rob presented a slide show on the new **Yaesu Fusion repeaters** which the Club proposes to purchase. The Yaesu system is in competition with the older ICOM one, and offers both analog and digital modes. Club membership needs to approve purchase. Application for proposed purchases are being made. **Motion to purchase was seconded and passed unanimously by a show of hands.**

Calendar:

- a. Science Night, Westgate Elementary School, Edmonds, February 6, 2015 6:30-8:30PM. Assistance is welcome on site, on the repeater, during the event and for setup (at 5:00) and teardown (at 8:30).
- b. Mic and Key Hamfest, March 7, Puyallup Fair Grounds.
- c. Microhams Digital Conference, March 21st, see website for more information.

50/50 Raffle: Total of \$134 was collected. Fifty percent will be used to purchase laptop computers.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was seconded and passed at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted
Dave Cornell, Secretary

Approved
Dave Williamson, WA7DGW, President