

Dave WA7DGW called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM in the Bakerview Community Center.

PRELIMINARIES

Introductions: First-time visitors, new members and members introduced themselves.

50/50 Raffle: Tickets were on sale for the raffle. Cost is \$1 per ticket or six for \$5; half of the raffle income is applied towards gifts at the Christmas Party.

T-shirts/patches: Shirts were available. Interested parties see quartermaster Phil Meyer KG7OSO and pay Treasurer Randy AG7B. More tee shirts will be ordered in January 2016.

FISTS - CW training disks: These are available for free. Ask quartermaster Phil in back.

Business cards: Cards and brochures are available as handouts to assist when talking about amateur radio.

REPORTS

Treasurer's report: Randy Mather AJ7B gave the Treasurer's report August 17 through September 20, 2015, details for which have been posted on the website. Motion to approve report was seconded and passed.

Minutes: Secretary Dave Cornell W9LD announced that minutes for the August 22, 2015, meeting have been on the website. Motion to approve minutes was seconded and passed.

VE report: Loren Hole KK7M reported that the VE session in August served only three persons. Each passed, yielding one new Tech and two General class licensees. Inquiries for today include three persons already. The test session will meet in the same room as the Club meeting.

Education report: Jim Ludden K7KFB said that the Tech-General class meets on October 16, 17, & 18. Find info and registration on the WA7LAW.org website. A test session will follow that class. Some questions regarding studying for and passing the test were answered. The Cascade Amateur Radio Club will have a class during the same weekend, where the focus is more to help Boy Scouts pass the radio merit badge requirements.

Tech group: Curt Green N7OBI met last night, but was absent. Wait for next meeting for his report.

EMCOMM Committee report: Bob Wheeler KC7QT mentioned that the Lynnwood repeater (146.78-, PL = 162.2) is an Emergency Management repeater.

DX report: Frank Remington K7GSE reported that the HF bands have been improving following solar lows, and winter time will also help conditions. One DXpedition TX3X near Australia comes up soon. After New Year's Day, five of six very rare places will appear.

Repeater update: Rob Salsgiver NR3O reported that Echolink levels need tweaking. The amplifier been working for a month and seems fine. Concern exists over possible desensing of VHF by UHF linkage. Unlinking those permits testing this concern. Substantial work will occur today, while machine access is handy. Rob has been testing an APRS system too.

Field Day: A Coordinator is still needed. Apply to Dave Williamson, WA7DGW.

OLD BUSINESS:

Salmon Run: Jill Hatch WA7JIL and Barry Hatch WA7BAR hosted a Salmon Run operation and feed for the club on September 19, 20; five stations were active, making contacts with all but three counties in the State. Frank, K7GSE, worked from Jill & Barry's home. He was concerned with directionality of dipole antenna; he felt that vertical orientation should have been more effective. Chris K7II reported on two-transmitter operation from his home, for a score of 86,000 points. John N7AME operated from Asotin County and made 113 contacts. Jim K7KFB operated from a cabin near Pomeroy, WA, but problems slowed getting on the air. He'll be better prepared for wind next time. He worked other stations in the Club and had fun. Murphy managed to visit. Rob NR3O worked from Douglas County with Dave WA7DGW and Dave AG7F. Despite wind problems, they enjoyed the view, and worked many stations outside of Washington, having settled on 20 meters. Nevertheless they had plenty of fun, netting about 54,000 points.

NEW BUSINESS:

Elections: Elections were held by written ballot. Candidates proposed by committee were: President, Frank Remington K7GSE; Vice President, Jill Hatch, WA7JIL; Director, John Van Dalen N7AME, Ken Dempsey KE7ND and Bob Wheeler KC7QT; Treasurer Randy Mather AJ7B; and Secretary Dave Cornell W9LD. Write-in nominations were welcome, provided prior agreement to serve was assured. Loren announced that unopposed candidates were elected unanimously. John Van Dalen N7AME was elected director.

Calendar:

Russian Contests are coming up. For more info, contact Dave Williamson for web reference.

Big Foot 120: October 9, 10, & 11, at Mt. St. Helens. Volunteer to Dave WA7DGW to specify your interest and timeframe.

Christmas Party, December 12, 2015, 6PM, Bakerview Community Center. Those willing to help please contact one of the directors: Jess Ray AD7PZ, Jim Blake KD7JB, or Don Anderson AB7V. Setup will begin at 9:30 AM. They can use as many hands as possible. Those attending morning breakfast at Bob's Burgers will come after that.

Extra:

50/50 Raffle: Winner of drawing was Allan K7NWR. Total of \$147 was collected. Fifty percent would ordinarily be used to help with Christmas party prizes. However, Allan donated his portion of the 50/50 to the Club.

Honduras: Bob K7RBW told about experience operating in Honduras, including benefit to the community.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:10 AM.

Program: In October Randy AJ7B will present a program about SWR, how to understand it and use it.

Respectfully submitted

Dave Cornell, W9LD, Secretary

Approved

Dave Williamson, WA7DGW, President