

2016/01/24 January 2016 2015 Meeting Minutes-Draft

General meeting

President Frank Remington called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM in the Providence Medical Center, Colby Campus, Rainier Room, at 8:00 AM.

PRELIMINARIES

Introductions: New people, other visitors, and members introduced themselves.

50/50 Raffle: Tickets were on sale with Quartermaster Steve Elli, K7LKA, for the raffle. Cost is \$1 per ticket or six for \$5; half of the raffle income is usually applied towards gifts at the Christmas Party.

REPORTS

Treasurer's report: Randy Mather AJ7B gave the Treasurer's report for two months for December through January 17, 2016, details for which have been posted on the website. Motion to approve the report was seconded and passed. Randy also reported on the audit done this month. The audit report included totals which are included with Club minutes. Errors were accounted for and corrected. Motion to approve the audit report was seconded and approved.

Minutes: Dave Cornell W9LD referred to draft minutes for the Club meeting, November 28, 2015, which have been posted on the website. Motion to approve minutes was seconded and passed.

VE report: Jess Ray AD7PZ reported on the November VE session, which resulted in three new hams. Nine persons have preregistered for today's session, so it promises to be a busy day. The Club appreciates Loren KK7M's chairing the VE sessions to date, as well as Jess's taking those sessions over.

Education report: Jim Ludden K7KFB has chaired the education program for several years, and the Club needs a new chairman.

Tech group: Curt Green N7OBI reported that most visitors to tech session programmed their new radios.

EMCOMM Committee report: Bob Wheeler KC7QT reported that the Mic and Key Hamfest occurs March 9, in addition to other events. There was no DEM activity to report.

DX report: Frank Remington K7GSE said that HF bands have been up and down. Sandwich Island remains on the air until January 27; Frank worked that island. The SI DXpedition goes next to South Georgia Island. Other expeditions come up in February and March. Hopefully, propagation will favor working DX.

Repeater update: Rob Salsgiver NR3O was absent, so there was no report.

Field Day: Don Whedon, K7DDW, called the next meeting of the Committee on Wednesday, February 10, 7:00 PM, at Alf's Pizza, on Broadway, Everett.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ham of the Year Award: Tom K7AFA presented the award on behalf of the Committee. The decision is tough, because there are so many worthy persons. The award this year goes to Randy Mather, AJ7B.

Bylaw Ratification. Bylaws approved by the Board at its December special meeting will be ratified by the Club at its February meeting.

Trailer Committee: Frank K7GSE announced the new trailer, thanking all donors. He pointed it out immediately outside the Rainier Room's windows. Dave WA7DGW discussed activities which should come next for the Club's new trailer, especially designing and building the interior, so it can take in the equipment stored at Don AB7V's house.

Dave also announced that the Club is on a short list of three possible recipients for a "trailer tower." It currently sits at the business where the owner resides. Rob NR3O is the Club negotiator. The trailer would be a gift to the recipient, and was valued new at \$45,000.

Repeater Chair: Frank K7GSE requested a new chair for repeater maintenance to replace Rob NR3O. Curt, N7OBI, volunteered to do the repeater maintenance work. Steve, KJ7YL, offered to assist Curt with that work.

Website administrator: Randy AJ7B is the new website administrator, replacing Dave WA7DGW.

Logbook of the World: John N7AME described ARRL's logbook of the world (LOTW.) It saves cost of U.S. mail for QSL cards, and provides easy integration with award programs like Worked All States, DX Century Club, etc. Also, John announced other ARRL programs, including National Parks on the Air and Summits on the Air. The LOTW system provides credit for participation in such programs. John will sign up for WA7LAW to be affiliated with LOTW.

Election of Secretary: Dave W9LD has resigned and Henry Poland KH6VM has been nominated as Secretary for 2016. The Club voted to elect Henry, who assumes his duties in February.

Extras:

50/50 Raffle: Winner of the 50-50 drawing was Don, W6DLM. Total collected was \$178, and the winner donated it all to the Club's Christmas party prize funds.

Used equipment: John N7AME is trying to sell a Kenwood TS950 for \$450 on behalf of a friend.

Boy Scouts: Tom N7PKK's announced the program for training individuals to train as merit badge counselors. Tom's training will occur following Randy's program in February.

YL's: JoAnne Erickson, KE7NBZ, invited women to give input to Frank about doing a YL net. Frank K7GSE sent an email suggesting that the Club join the YLRL (YL Radio League), and invited members to look at the YLRL's website and investigate. JoAnne urged women to operate in Field Events like Field Day.

Calendar:

Westgate Elementary School will hold its Science Fair on Friday, February 5, using the 146.92 repeater. Women are invited to participate on radio, especially for youngsters.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:22 AM.

Program: Fusion repeaters, presented by Curt N7OBI, Dewey WB7OEV, and Henry KH6VM. Members wishing to present a future program should coordinate with Frank K7GSE.

Respectfully submitted
Dave Cornell, W9LD, Secretary

Approved
Frank Remington, K7GSE, President