

# Snohomish County Hams Club

## General Membership Meeting

### Minutes

September 28, 2019

1. The meeting was called to order at 0802 by the President, David Cornell.
2. Introductions
  - A. The President made a call for first time visitors. There was one first-time visitor who introduced himself as Robert who was there to take a licensing test.
  - B. The membership introduced themselves.
3. Announcements:
  - A. The President reminded everyone that we would be holding elections for Board members, and to make sure everyone had a ballot.
  - B. The President announced that a member named Paul needed help in converting a mobile radio to a base station.
  - C. The President advised that Dave and Doris Williamson will be relocating to Arizona for health reasons. Dave was a past-president and very active participant in Club activities. A farewell reception will be held on 5 October at Alf's Pizza in Snohomish from 1300 to 1430. John Van Dalen circulated 'get well' cards.
  - D. The President advised that Randy Mather and his team of VE's would conduct a licensing examination in the meeting room after this meeting, so we have to finish business by 1045. 0945
  - E. The President announced the 50/50 raffle. Tickets will be on sale until 0845. The drawing will be held at 0900
4. The President introduced all the candidates for Board of Director positions. Dennis Bradford and Loren Hole completed the issuance of ballots.
5. Reports
  - A. Secretary's Report - Roger Hoot announced that the minutes of the last meeting (August 2019) had been posted on the Club website and requested approval of the posted minutes. A motion was made by Randy Mather to accept the minutes, it was seconded by John Van Dalen and approved by vote.
  - B. Treasurer's report – Randy Mather announced that the monthly treasurer's report had been posted on the Club website. A motion was made by Roger to accept the report as posted; it was seconded by John Van Dalen and approved by vote.
  - C. The President called for reports from participants in the Salmon Run contest.
    - (1) Chris Wartes reported that his station had made 500 contacts by 13 operators over 21 hours.
    - (2) Jack reported that he operated from Pacific County and made 268 CW contacts
    - (3) John Van Dalen reported that he remained at his QTH but made contact with 13 counties.
    - (4) Jennifer Blake reported operating her station in Sultan County and made 74 contacts in 33 counties.
  - D. The President announced the coordinator for the Christmas party. Rich Leavitt KI7QOI announced the location as Lion's Hall in Forest Park, Everett. During the discussion of the party hours, Jim Blake made a motion for the Club to fund one extra hour of facility rental (\$99). Motion was seconded and approved by vote. The hours of the Party are 1600 to 2200 on 14 December. Rich is asking for volunteers to help develop this project. He will be generating emails through the reflector. Don Whedon stated that he had plenty of Public Address equipment if needed, but Rich said that the facility was equipped with that equipment.
  - E. The president read the election results as depicted below and appended to this file:
    - (1) President: Jim Hill NJ5DX
    - (2) Vice President: Dave Somers KI7DPP
    - (3) Secretary: Jennifer Blake KJ7ARG
    - (4) Treasurer: Randy Mather AJ7B
    - (5) Director: Ray Smith KD7AVPLoren Hole made a motion to destroy the ballots. The motion was seconded and approved by vote. The summary ballot of all votes was provided to the Secretary and is appended to the file copy of this report.
  - F. Randy Mather provided the VE report: There was one test session conducted on 8/24/2019 with the following results:
    - (1) 5 Volunteer Examiners were present
    - (2) 17 tests were administered to 10 candidates with the following results:

- (3) 8 new HAMS at the Technician level
- (4) 1 upgraded from General to Extra level
- (5) 1 failed to upgrade to the General Level

G. Education Report was made by Jim Blake who stated that there will not be a Technician class until January due to lack of interest in October but significant interest in January. A General class will be held over two weekends, starting on October 12. The cost will be \$35 and is limited to eight applicants (with 2 standbys).

H. Roger announced the names of one new Club member: John Hicks CSP and one Life Member: Gary Bazzell WA7TUG

I. The president acknowledge that the Coordinator for next year's (2020) Field Day (Curt Green) had received significant input concerning the location of the event which will be Legions Park

J. Michael Burnett offered free study guides that he wrote for people seeking an Extra license.

K. Dennis Bradford announced that he wants recommendations for the Ham of the Year award.

L. Tom Hutchinson announced the Jamboree on the Air for the Boy Scouts. It will be held on the third weekend of October, primarily on Saturday at two sites: 1) Fire Mountain - POC is Gary Bazzel WA7TUG, 2) Lake Rosiger - POC is Tom Hutchinson N7PKK. Volunteers are invited to set up their station at either site.

M. Randy Mather stated that the Club website is continuing to suffer from missing pages and he's working to resolve that. On the other hand, Echolink and WiresX are operational.

6. The 50/50 raffle drawing was held. The pot was worth \$126 with half value being \$63. Ticket number 4915593 was drawn which was held by Phyllis DeSoto KI7OY. John N7AME asked where the raffle proceeds go. Ray explained that for 6 months, 50% of the funds are put in the General Fund, and the last six months' proceeds go to the Christmas Party fund.

7. The President announced that we will have a presentation by Randy Mather on Software Defined Radio.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 0900.

Submitted by Roger Hoot KF7WVT  
Secretary