

Snohomish County Hams Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting

0800 November 28, 2020

1. The meeting was called to order at 0800 by the President Ray Smith KD7AVP.
2. Welcome
 - A. Zoom Etiquette and Protocols (Ray KD7AVP)
 - a. First & Last Name plus Call Sign in Screen Name
 - b. Keep yourself muted unless you are called upon to speak
 - c. Use the Hand Raising function in Zoom if you want to speak. The moderator will be watching for raised hands. Thanks to Dave for being moderator today. You can use the Chat or the Hand Raising.
 - B. Any First Time Visitors/Guests? Visitors were Scott Honaker N7SS, Dean Gibson AE7Q, Steve Davis KI7ICL, Erik Robins K7QOG, and Wayne Connell K7QHQ

3. Reports

A. Secretary's Report - Anne K2MTN announced that the minutes of the last meeting in October 2020 had been posted on the Club website (on October 31st). She requested approval of the posted minutes. A motion was made (by Randy AJ7B) to accept the minutes as posted; It was seconded (by Tim KJ7AKV) and approved by vote. No questions.

B. Treasurer's report – Randy AJ7B announced that the monthly Treasurer's report had been posted on the Club website. He screen-shared the report. Income of \$590.07 (2 life members was most of this) and Expenses of \$168.00 (we paid annual rent for the P.O. Box). Checking Account Balance of \$7,546.22, Repeater Maintenance Fd \$405.42, Repeater Endowment Fd \$12,522.65, General Investment FD \$425.59. No questions. Ray commented that even with the challenges of Covid, we still have people joining and becoming Life Members and that is good. A motion was made to accept the report as posted (by Anne K2MTN); it was seconded (by Tim KJ7AKV) and approved by vote.

C. VE Report - Randy said we didn't have any VE Testing but Randy has become involved with online testing being done by Lake Washington Amateur Radio Club (LWARC). The president of LWARC reached out to Randy and invited our Club's VEs to participate in online testing. Last week he observed a test done by LWARC and Randy was encouraged to get accredited with the Greater Los Angeles Amateur Radio Group (GLAARG). He did get that accreditation and John Van Dalen has done that as well. The two of them are going to be actual VEs on Monday at 2pm for an online test done by LWARC. This is an opportunity for those in our Club who have been VEs in the past or anyone who has a General License or above and who are interested in doing VE Testing. We could possibly get a group from our Club who are accredited by the GLAARG and start having our own Club VE sessions. Anyone who is interested in doing the online VE Testing please send Randy Mather an email at RandyMather@frontier.com and he will be happy to send you the contact info so that you can get involved. Someone commented that he had signed up with the Anchorage Club and took the Extra license test online. He had 4 VEs watching him in

his laundry room while he took the test. Jim Blake asked if you have to be accredited through ARRL before you can be accredited through the GLAARG? Randy said you have to be accredited through GLAARG only. His plan is to eventually go over to the ARRL group as well.

D. Education report – Jim Blake KD7JB said that of course we haven't had any classes but during the Board Meeting we were discussing the possibility of having online classes and details of how it would work. Our normal class runs over a weekend and takes right around 12-16 hours including VE Testing. So, we briefly discussed how we would do that. Is it a 2 hour class in the afternoon over a number of days? Or would it be multiple hours online over the entire weekend? John Van Dalen has some experience with training and Michael Burnette who was on the Board meeting that night offered some of their thoughts about online testing because they have experience with it. Jim said he is someone who has sat through many hours of online Zoom training for his work and he really despises it. To be a student online is very difficult. Jim said it will be time consuming to convert our training to online training, but he thinks we need to get on with it and give it a try. Hopefully this will be an add on or connect to the online VE Testing.

E. New Member Introduction – Anne K2MTN introduced

- a. Tom Detchemendy K7CSM
- b. Tim Hanowell
- c. Brent Weir KG7WLL

F. List of Attendees – Anne K2MTN read a list of the members attending today using her attendance sheet and the names listed in participants window. There were 54 participants and of those... 49 were members marked here on the attendance sheet.

4. Old Business

A. Repeater Update

a. New Repeaters - Rob NR30 says nothing new to report. Earlier in the week he noticed that Echo Link was not responding but when he checked this morning it was working. He doesn't know if Henry reset it or not. Rob said he does need to go up to Bakerview location to spend some time up there for a number of things ...and if anyone else needs to go up there to let him know so they can coordinate. Rob said that he now has an electronics bench and so he can put the new machines on it and focus on them. Please let Rob know if there are any issues with the repeaters. Ray said he needs to go up there for the annual inventory and would like to coordinate with Rob to get it done.

b. Old Repeaters – Henry KH6VM was not attending today.

B. Election Results (Ray KD7AVP and Dennis Bradford W7DEB) The 4 incumbent officers were re-elected. The winner of the Board position is Michael Burnette AF7KB. The election was done by email. 28 out of 118 paid members voted in the election which is kind of a low return but thanks to those who did vote. The paid members were given 15 days to cast their ballots. The votes were counted by Dennis, and Board members Tim KJ7AKV and John N7AME. Congratulations to Michael and thanks to the officers who ran again this year.

C. Net Controllers. (Ray KD7AVP) We are barely getting by with the Net Controllers we have for now. If you are interested in being Net Controller during weekly Nets, please contact Ray to apply.

5. New Business

A. December Members Meeting (Ray KD7AVP) We are planning to move the December meeting to Saturday 12/19 at 8am by Zoom and have a Christmas Party and social get together. We would like to have members talk about what they have done this year with Ham Radio. So, be prepared to give a quick recap of your year. Some of our members have excelled in certain contests and we would love to hear about that. We also have some surprises we are working on to make it a little more interesting and worth your while to join us. So, please join us that Saturday the 19th at 8am and we should have a great time. Ray repeated that he did hint that we are working on some surprises to make it more interesting. Phyllis DeSoto said that we had talked about a parking lot meeting during the last meeting...but this will be better because we won't have to plug into our cigarette lighters. Ray confirmed that it will not be as great as getting together in person ...but under the current conditions we will at least see each other. He is looking forward to seeing us all then.

B. Training (John N7AME) John asked the group if there is a 1 or 2 hour training that people would like for John to do. Ideas might be antennas, propagation, the radios themselves and other ham related stuff. Let him know by email at JohnV@frontier.com if you have ideas for that. He would put together something and maybe do it on a Wednesday night.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30am. Moved by Anne K2MTN second by Dave KI7DPP, passed by vote.

Presentation: Scott Honaker N7SS presented a program on "Designing and Building Portable Radio Packages".

Presentation – Building Portable Kits

<https://1drv.ms/b/s!AgFdscwV4Kf5hqYdAI8D1XFzDftf7w?e=BoHFMk>

Link to online kit details

<http://www.wa7dem.info/other-portables>

Link to photo collection

<https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgFdscwV4Kf5hL0lWTZffAk1ATRGDg?e=SzRSdO>

Submitted by Anne Garay K2MTN
SCHC Secretary