

Snohomish County Hams Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting

0900 February 23, 2020

1. The meeting was called to order at 0900 by the President Ray Smith KD7ADP. The meeting was recorded. Here is the link.

https://youtu.be/met_QKh1cZk

2. Welcome

- A. Zoom Etiquette and Protocols (Ray KD7ADP)
 - 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. You can use the Chat or the Hand Raising.
- B. We will be recording this Zoom meeting and posting it for members to watch (probably on YouTube because the file is too large to send by email). If you have any concerns about being recorded, we wanted to make you aware so that you can turn off your video if you wish.
- C. Any First Time Visitors/Guests? First time visitor was Nate Cejka N0UVI who just joined the Club. He is studying for his General License, lives in south Everett, and has done several Sunday Night Nets.

3. Reports

A. Secretary's Report - Anne K2MTN announced that the minutes of the last meeting in January 2021 had been posted on the Club website 2/5/2021. She requested approval of the posted minutes. A motion was made (by Roger Hoot KF7WVT) 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 \$785.10 and Expenses of \$0. Checking Account Balance of \$8,852.99, Repeater Maintenance Fd \$605.45, Repeater Endowment Fd \$14,099.87, General Investment FD \$519.44. No questions. A motion was made to accept the report as posted (by Roger Hoot KF7WVT); it was seconded (by Anne K2MTN) and approved by vote.

C. VE Report - Randy said we didn't have any VE Testing but several members have joined the Lake Washington Amateur Radio Club (LWARC). We have been conducting online testing for a few months now. They are looking for new members who want to be a VE and do online testing. 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. Contact Randy if you are interested.

D. Education report – Jim Blake KD7JB was not in the meeting this month.

- E. New Member Introduction – Anne K2MTN introduced
 - a. Dan Schmit WA7KTM
 - b. Nathan Cejka NOUVI (pronounced Chae Ka)
 - c. Melvin Fry KE7SBZ
- F. List of Attendees – Anne K2MTN read a list of the members attending today using her attendance sheet and the names listed in the participant's window. There were 38 members.
- G. Repeater Update
 - a. New Repeaters - Rob NR30 said the repeater seems to be working okay. We are looking at Budget funds for a battery backup system. Some of the issues with staying on the air would be resolved by this. Little power blips really cause problems for the repeater and EchoLink and HamWAN. Victor Harris asked about Emergency Operations...Rob couldn't quite hear the question. So, Victor will email Rob.
 - b. Old Repeaters – Henry KH6VM said he is excited about getting a power backup system over there. We have some small units currently but getting a comprehensive system would be great.

4. Old Business

- A. Net Controllers. (Ray KD7ADP) We are still looking for a couple of Net controller members and someone to replace Jim Hill in the Net Control Organizer position. If you are interested in being Net Controller during weekly Nets, please contact Ray to apply.
- B. Financial Investment Supervision Position (Ray KD7ADP) We are still looking for someone for the Financial Investment Supervision Position. Loren Hole KK7M held this position and has led the Club efforts to set up and operate the Repeater Endowment Fund and the Club General Investment Fund. Someone who is knowledgeable about investments is desired for this position. Please let Ray know if you are interested in this position. We are looking to add to the Investment Committee.
- C. Annual Membership Renewal and Password Change (Anne K2MTN) Most members have already renewed their membership. Thank you to all of you who did. All Annual Membership Renewals received by February 26th will be sent an email on Sunday February 28th with the new password. The website Password will be updated Sunday Feb 28th and we will process any renewals received after 2/26 as soon as possible. The new password will be sent to you with your receipt email if we received it after 2/26.

5. New Business

- A. Ham of the Year (Ray KD7ADP) Ray tried to share his desktop to show a picture of the trophy for Ham of the Year with the winner. He said he would post it on the Club website. Ray announced that John Van Dalen N7AME is Ham of the Year. John gets a plaque that he gets to

keep forever and a trophy that he will keep for a year and his name will be recorded on the traveling trophy along with the other past winners. Ray wanted to highlight the many things that John does. He encourages new and just starting Hams, but also those in the hobby for a while. He encourages people to increase their skills and involvement. He holds Zoom trainings on various topics to keep us connected. He is also a member of the VE team. He is one of the instructors for the Tech Class that the Club offers when we are not in COVID-19. He works with members and families to handle Estate Sales. This is something that is time consuming and difficult. John has stepped in and really helped people in this area. He is an ARRL recognized QSL card checker. And, he has helped numerous Hams with Logbook of the World. Ray told how he has even helped Ray with LOTW. And, beyond all these things mentioned so far, he is a member of our Club Board. We want to thank John for all that he has done. John was not able to be with us today because he has a conflict, but he wanted to say thank you for the award and the support...but Ray said we really need to be thanking him for all he has done.

B. New Trustee (Ray KD7ADP) Loren is stepping back from his role as Trustee. Thank you to Loren for all you have done! After a search we chose Rob Salsgiver NR3O. Welcome aboard Rob. Thanks for all that you do on the Repeater and now for being our Trustee as well.

C. Kerry Burnette has volunteered to lead a Zoom Class about How to be a Net Control Operator (Ray KD7ADP and Kerry KC7YL) Kerry will send an email with details about the Class to the reflector. The Class will be Saturday March 6th at 9am. That is next Saturday. Being a Net Control Operator is a fun way to get to know other Hams both members and non-members. We have a script that you follow. It is also essential in Emergency Communications to follow a protocol like we do in our Net Controls. As Kerry said the Class will be Saturday March 6th at 9am and she will teach you how to follow the script and how you handle certain things that come up. It is important that you have a radio that can reach the repeater. EchoLink is not a good choice for doing Net Control. She has done it and it really lags. We need at least one person if not two. There are 4 people handling the Sunday Eve Net (Jill Hatch, Jim Blake, Jim Ludden, and Kerry). We used to have Jim Hill also. It gives you an opportunity to build your skills as a Ham. You can email her if you would like to join the class at kburnette03@gmail.com. Steve Burling said to get on the air, get comfortable, and try to have a good time. Don't worry if you make a mistake. Net Control is very similar to what they do in Emergency Communications.

D. Reflector email issues (Ray KD7ADP and Rob NR3O) Some members are not receiving emails from the reflector and the Board is trying to diagnose the problem and fix it. We are not entirely sure what is happening. We want to give the membership the heads up that we want to do some "Test" emails and have members reply directly to a selected email to say if they go the message. We are also looking at other options to replace the Reflector. We've had this system for a long time and technology has changed. It works great when it does...but it randomly has issues. More info to come on this idea. We apologize if you missed messages. If you reach out to Ray or Anne, we will try to help get you the info you missed. Anne added, when we send the test emails, we are going to have the people not "reply all" to the reflector but send a "forward" to a specific email address where we are going to gather the responses. Rob commented on trouble shooting the issues. We have been having more and more issues and we've had notifications about issues, but it is hard to tell if it is a limited time issue...or a longer-term issue.

Victor asked if the email program is a good software program. Has it been updated regularly in the past 5 years? Ray said that is what we are looking into.

E. 7QP Status (Tim KJ7AKV) Tim gave an update on the plan for 7QP (local 7 area QSO Party which is west coast minus CA) Tim wants to get some ideas to make it more active this year. Last year we did a check in check out board on the Repeater. You can only have one operator per band per mode at a time. He is looking for ideas to schedule ahead of time and stick to a schedule. Send him an email on the reflector and we can talk about these ideas. We want to decide before May gets here. He hopes we can have some fun with it. Ray added that Field Day is coming up as well. If you have interest or ideas...Let Ray or the Board know. Michael Burnette added for the new folks that in the past 7QP has been our shake out for Field Day. It has been a test run for Field Day.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40am. Moved by Anne K2MTN second by Tim KJ7AKV, passed by vote.

Presentation: Michael Burnette AF7KB presented a program on "How to Hammer Your Next Ham Exam". Here is a link to the Handout

<https://fasttrackham.com/upload/hammer.pdf>

Submitted by Anne Garay K2MTN
SCHC Secretary