

Snohomish County Hams Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting

0900 July 24, 2021

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

https://youtu.be/C_0uEUKITb0?t=3

1. 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? none

3. Reports

- A. Secretary's Report - Anne K2MTN announced that the minutes of the last meeting in May 2021 had been posted on the Club website 5/27/2021. She requested approval of the posted minutes. A motion was made (by Paige Butler W0FLZ) 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 \$463.22 and Expenses of \$346.47. Checking Account Balance of \$8,810.74, Repeater Maintenance Fd \$605.51, Repeater Endowment Fd \$16,159.21, General Investment FD \$743.42. No questions. A motion was made to accept the report as posted (by Roger KF7WVT); it was seconded (by Anne K2MTN) and approved by vote.
- C. VE Report - Randy said that members of our SCHC VE Team have joined the Lake Washington Amateur Radio Club (LWARC) which is online testing, and that group is still looking for more VEs if you are interested. Hopefully we will get back to in-person testing.
- D. Education report – Jim Blake KD7JB not on the call. John sent Jim a copy link to LWARC upcoming watch a thon...training for Technician License training online. After that training LWARC will schedule a test.
- E. New Member Introduction – Anne K2MTN There was one new member Kelsey Brenton KJ7YAT (added in June).

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 40 members and 1 guest David Okrent W7DAO.

G. Repeater Update

a. New Repeaters - Rob NR30 didn't make it today. Repeaters are functioning pretty well. If anyone notices that Echolink is not working, reach out to Ray, Rob, or Henry.

b. Old Repeaters – Henry KH6VM had nothing to add...except yes please email or text him if you notice a problem. It is usually a Windows update that causes things to go down. Question in chat about getting bearings to the repeater. Gary Evans is asking about the location ...it is on the roof of the Bakerview building. John jumped in to say that he did an analysis using a program that shows there is something blocking between Gary Evans house and Bakerview. Steve Burling (??) asked if we are considering going to Linux for the Repeater instead of Windows and Henry responded that is exactly correct.

4. Old Business

A. Financial Investment Committee Position (Ray KD7ADP) Ray said that we had misunderstood and thought that Loren was wanting to stop doing the Investment Committee and Loren Hole KK7M has graciously corrected us and said he is willing to continue leading the Investment Committee. So, that is good news. Thank you to Loren. We appreciate all that he has done and continues to do.

B. Net Control Operator (Ray KD7ADP) We are still looking for someone to add to the Net Control Operator rotation. Being able to consistently hit the Repeater is a trait that is needed. If anyone has interest, we do have training and documentation. Let us know.

C. Field Day Recap (Tim KJ7AKV) Tim shared the results that were sent to the ARRL awards committee. It was a little sparse this year, but the main goal was to get our equipment out and look it over ...and see what needed to be replaced or repaired. We did have some issues. Rusty parts on the trailer and water in the antenna tubes. The weather was extremely hot. We do appreciate everyone who came out and helped. 34 members attended. Preliminary total score = 1,590. We had 1 CW, 47 Digital, and 204 Phone QSO contacts which equals 300 points... x2 for power multiplier = 600 pts for QSOs. 990 bonus points. It was a great event. Anne said to Tim that she really appreciated everything Tim did. It was a huge effort, and we appreciate it. Ray echoed that.

5. New Business

A. Membership Meeting-in-Person Plans (Ray KD7ADP) Many members are interested in meeting in person. The Arlington Boys & Girls Club is the best option right now. Arlington is kind of far north...some people have commented. Rob has been working with them to set the meetings up. The plan is that we will have an in-person meeting but also have a Zoom option for those who can't make it or have concerns about meeting inside due to Covid. We have had some feedback from members who really enjoy the Zoom aspect of meetings. We have Club members who are not in the state of Washington who appreciate the option. We are trying

really hard to have a face-to-face meeting for August. Keep an eye out on the reflector for more info. Dave said that Providence was down to 17 Covid patients a few weeks ago and they are up to 35 now. So, it will be a while before the hospital will be a good location for our meetings. Ray said that the hospital may be one of the last locations that is open. Henry asked about whether we will do the Testing at the Boys & Girls Club also? Ray said we are considering having testing there, but we don't have firm plans yet. Victor said that he heard that healthcare locations may keep wearing masks permanently. Ray said that we are in an evolving world, and we will just have to wait and see what happens.

B. T-Shirts Order (Anne K2MTN) Anne said several people at Field Day asked about doing a T-Shirt order. Anne will be sending an email with info about how to order. We will use the same company that we used last time. The shirts will look like they did last time with a big insignia on the back and your Name and Call Sign on the front and a small insignia on the front. The colors are Black and Grey. Roger Hoot commented that the Name and Call Sign are easier to see with the Black T-Shirts, but the Grey is better in hot weather like we had for Field Day.

C. Special Service Club ARRL (Anne K2MTN) Anne wanted to let the members know that the Club has renewed our ARRL Special Service Club status through June 9, 2023. If you go to the ARRL website and search for clubs...we are there due to our Training and our Testing that are supportive of people who are trying to get into Ham Radio.

D. Club Elections (Ray KD7ADP & Dennis Bradford W7DEB) Dennis Bradford is running our elections. Ray and John and Dave are being term limited out. They have all served two terms. So, those positions are coming open. Let Dennis or Ray know if you are interested. Dennis confirmed what Ray had said and also added that if you would like to be on the nominating committee...please let Dennis know.

E. Inviting Non-Members (question in the chat) Anne said that members are welcome to invite non-members. You can forward the link to other hams if you wish. Or, you can have them email Anne and she can forward the link. This is how we get new members; they reach out to me at Secretary@WA7LAW.org and I send them the Zoom invite. Then if they want to join, they ask how to join, and I send them the Membership Application.

F. The Providence Room (Tom Hutchinson N7PKK) Tom said that he checked on our room for meetings and the Hospital said they don't have plans to re-open the room any time soon.

F. Trailer. Victor asked about having a small supply of Gloves and Masks in the trailer for use in case we do an emergency support activity. Ray said that he believes we have gloves but it is a great idea to have some masks as well. Ray is also the Quartermaster in addition to being the President and he will add that to our supplies. Henry asked about Dehumidifier due to the moisture. Ray said we are getting a Dehumidifier. Randy said it is here (it was ordered and is here) and ready to install. Ray will work on getting that installed.

G. Aug 7th Hamfest at John's house...9am-3pm Garage sale John said that the NW Neighborhood of Everett is having a garage sale and he will have Ham gear and Telephone gear. Early shoppers are encouraged.

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

Presentation: David Okrent W7DAO presented a program on “Antennas”. The Power Point presentation was emailed out on the reflector July 26th. “July 24th talk.pdf” is the name

Submitted by Anne Garay K2MTN
SCHC Secretary