

Snohomish County Hams Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting

0900 September 25, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 0900 by the Ray Smith KD7ADP. The meeting was not recorded unfortunately.

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? Nikolas Basgall KJ7EYZ and Dawn Nissen KJ7EZF (new members)

3. Reports

A. Secretary's Report - Anne K2MTN announced that the minutes of the last meeting in August 2021 had been posted on the Club website 9/09/21. She requested approval of the posted minutes. A motion was made (by Randy Mather AJ7B) to accept the minutes as posted; It was seconded by (Tim Kephart 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 \$736.57 and Expenses of \$379.61 most of it was for Insurance for the year. Checking Account Balance of \$8,197.09, undeposited funds \$500, Repeater Maintenance Fd \$605.53, Repeater Endowment Fd \$17,150.39, General Investment FD \$750.49. 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 – Not much activity. 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. Randy or Tim Kephart can help get you connected to do online VE.

D. Education report – Jim Blake KD7JB was not on the call. John Van Dalen N7AME said that he is working on some FT8 presentations but nothing to announce. JTAlert has updated their system and it is unbelievable what it can do.

E. New Member Introduction – Anne K2MTN introduced Nikolas Basgall KJ7EYZ and Dawn Nissen KJ7EZF.

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 28 members.

G. Repeater Update

- a. New Repeaters - Rob NR30 – Not a whole lot to report. Rob hasn't heard the KRKO issue much. Someone reached out to donate an amplifier which would work well for our VHF Repeater. Henry is going to check it out and do some testing and Rob will help. Hopefully we will be able to put that into service soon.
- b. Rob wanted to ask the new members what prompted them to get into Ham. They said that they got their licenses a few years ago and joined a Club in Tacoma but didn't get very active. They moved up to Everett to live on a sailboat and hope to get more radio savvy and install a radio on their sailboat. Rob said that unfortunately a member who was very involved with Ham on a sailboat (Dave Crosby) recently passed away. Rob said that Nikolas and Dawn should reach out if they have any questions for members of the Club and we will see what we can do.

b. Old Repeaters – Henry KH6VM

4. Old Business

A. 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.

B. Arlington Boys & Girls Club (Rob NR30) We have reserved a room at the Boys & Girls Club for our Members in-person meetings on Oct 23, Nov 27, and for a Christmas Party Dec 11th (Party date not yet confirmed). We are planning to have a Zoom option but we haven't yet tested that ability. We decided to hold off for September due to the Arlington Boys & Girls Club having a couple of people on quarantine...and also due to the general Covid situation in the County right now.

D. Club Elections (Ray KD7ADP & Dennis Bradford W7DEB) The Nominating Committee is requesting nominations. The nominating committee this year consists of Kerry Burnette KC7YL, Loren Hole KK7M, Jess Ray AD7PZ, and Dennis Bradford W7DEB. We are especially looking for nominees for President, Vice President, and a Director position which are term limited out. The Treasurer and Secretary positions are also up for the vote each year. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ray or Dennis Bradford. We will probably be having Elections in October sometime. The date is not yet set.

E. Salmon Run Sep 18-19th (Ray KD7ADP) Anyone have any stories to share? Rob said that Salmon Run is one of the three times per year that he and Shell make time to really participate. They focused on the Counties this year. Jill and Barry Hatch were up in Whatcom County, Jim and Jennifer were over in Asotin County. Jill and Barry got all the counties. He was not sure about Jim and Jennifer. Rob managed to work all the counties. Shell was on 20 meters and worked all States. If you haven't tried contesting...it is a lot of fun. The first thing you need is to

be able to hear people. Rob's best antenna is a wire loop antenna. So, you don't need a big beam type antenna to do well. John said he stayed home due to his back issue and he got close to 200 contacts. Last year he got all 39 counties. He only got 15 counties this year. He focused on the other QSO Parties for other states. There are 3077 counties in the United States. The next thing coming up is the World Wide RTTY contest this weekend.

5. New Business

A. 7QP and Field Day Coordinators (Ray KD7ADP) We are looking for Coordinators for 7QP or Field Day. If you have an interest, reach out to Ray or the Board. We have reserved the same park for Field Day if we need it. If a new Coordinator wants to go to someplace different that would be okay. John said that we should look into whether the Beverley Elementary or Westgate Elementary annual Science events will be held this year also.

B. Any other new Business? (Ray KD7ADP) Victor Harris said he had a comment on the School Program. QST magazine had an article on Youth on the Air. There is a Youth Station in Sodo with an operator who is about 14. Victor added...does anyone know NK7?? Arthur Wright. He may have been in Search & Rescue. Rob said...shoot me an email Victor.

Cowboy Dave Owen KI7HSB has a tower in his driveway and would love to have some help getting it onto his trailer.

6. The meeting was adjourned at about 9:30am. Moved by Anne K2MTN second by Tim Kephart KJ7AKV passed by vote.

Presentation: "Logbook of the World" by John Van Dalen N7AME.

Submitted by Anne Garay K2MTN
SCHC Secretary