

Snohomish County Hams Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting

0900 October 23, 2021

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

<https://youtu.be/JAsj93EZpz4>

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? Roberta Jackowski (studying for Tech) and Mark Weeks KK7BHU (studying for General)

3. Reports

- A. Secretary's Report - Anne K2MTN announced that the minutes of the last meeting in September 2021 had been posted on the Club website Oct 15th. She requested approval of the posted minutes. A motion was made (by John Van Dalen N7AME) 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 \$75.07 and Expenses of \$0. Checking Account Balance of \$8,272.15, Repeater Maintenance Fd \$605.53, Repeater Endowment Fd \$17,290.63, General Investment FD \$753.85. No questions. A motion was made to accept the report as posted (by Anne K2MTN); it was seconded (by John N7AME) and approved by vote.
- C. VE Report – Not much activity. There is a call for experienced VEs to help in the California “Ham Cram” for the Greater Los Angeles Ham Club...if anyone is already a member of that club.
- D. Education report – Jim Blake KD7JB was not on the call. John Van Dalen N7AME said that he is working on a plan to do some presentations Tuesday Nights. Some topics he is considering are upgrading from Tech to General, and Icom 7300s because the Club owns two of those. If anyone has ideas for programs or wants to talk to John you can email him at Johnv@frontier.com.
- E. New Member Introduction – Anne K2MTN said none this month

- 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 30 members + 2 guests attending.
- G. Repeater Update
- a. New Repeaters - Rob NR30 ...nothing new. The problem with the radio signal breaking through the repeater seems to not be happening recently.
 - b. Old Repeaters – Henry KH6VM...nothing new to report. Victor had a question about the repeater endowment and repeater upgrades. Ray said that we have upgraded the power supply backup this year and we are exploring an amplifier for the UHF. The new board may have some additional ideas.

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 for a Christmas Party Dec 18th. Rob reported we tested the Wifi at the building and we have the lease agreement in hand ready to sign and get things locked in. A number of members have said that they like the Zoom option and so we plan to keep that available.
- D. Club Elections (Ray KD7ADP & Dennis Bradford W7DEB) The Elections were done with a Groups.io Ballot sent to everyone on the membership distribution. 31 members voted. The results are Kerry Burnett KC7YL is President, Tim Kephart KJ7AKV is VP, Randy Mather AJ7B is Treasurer, Anne Garay K2MTN is Secretary, and Eric Worden KI7ZYC is the new Director at large.
- E. Christmas Party Coordinator (Ray KD7ADP) We were looking for someone to plan the Christmas Party this year. Kerry Burnette KC7YL volunteered. Thank you to Kerry!
- F. Future Programs (Anne K2MTN) We would like to get input on what future “program topics” the members would like to hear. Also, we are looking for Club members to give programs on Ham topics of interest. Please email Anne at Secretary@WA7LAW.org. Victor requested that we have the ARRL Section Manager for Western Washington give us an update on important news for Ham Radio and what we can do to support Ham Radio. Steve Burling said the ARRL leadership Mary and Harry Lewis section managers used to do an update for our group periodically...it would be great if we started doing that again.

5. New Business

- A. Membership renewals for 2022 start Nov. 1st (Anne K2MTN) We will start accepting renewals for 2022 on November 1st. Any “new membership” applications or renewals for 2021 year received Nov. 1st or later will also get membership for 2022. Ray brought up that we will not be accepting renewals at the Christmas Party due to time constraints. The fillable pdf form is available on the Club website under Membership. You need to fill it out and mail with your payment to the Club P.O. Box.

B. Any other new Business? (Ray KD7ADP) Victor Harris gave an update about the Sno County ACS which meets Thursday Night...at the meeting this past Thursday there was an issue brought up about a repeater site being on DNR land and they charge \$2,400 per Transmitter for having it on the land. The DNR has not been getting their money and ordered certain organizations (Sno Cty ACS?) to remove the equipment from the mountain top. Rob commented that they are looking at this situation and it is true that some amateurs are being asked to remove antennas from selected sites. DNR has a legislative requirement to allow amateur radio to pay only \$100 per year instead of \$2,400-\$3,000. A few years ago HamWAN was installed on some sites and some amateurs didn't do proper paperwork for those...and some amateurs installed additional antennas which were not approved or paid for. It is a mess. The State of WA is supposed to reimburse the DNR for the difference between the \$3K and the \$100...but that might not be happening at the State level due to budget technicalities. So, it is being reviewed. And so, DNR is removing some equipment from some locations. Rob said to email him if you have questions.

Kerry wanted to thank everyone on the Nominating Committee and everyone on the outgoing Board. If you have ideas for the Club to share with Kerry please email her. She wanted to mention there are 3 weekly nets and the info is on the club website. She encouraged new people to come out and participate in the Nets. She is looking forward to serving the Club this coming year.

6. The meeting was adjourned at about 9:42am. Moved by Anne K2MTN second by Rob NR3O passed by vote.

Presentation: "Propagation" by Michael Burnette AF7KB.

Submitted by Anne Garay K2MTN
SCHC Secretary