

Snohomish County Hams Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting

0900 November 27, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 0900 by the Ray Smith KD7ADP. The recording is available in John Van Dalen's Dropbox.com account. Anne K2MTN can forward the email from Saturday Nov 27th 12:45pm with the link if you contact her at Secretary@WA7LAW.org.

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 October 2021 had been posted on the Club website Nov 24th. She requested approval of the posted minutes. A motion was made (by Kerry Burnette KC7YL) to accept the minutes as posted; It was seconded by (Roger Hoot KF7WVT) 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 \$140.09 and Expenses of \$404.00. Checking Account Balance of \$8,008.23, Repeater Maintenance Fd \$605.55, Repeater Endowment Fd \$18,148.88, General Investment FD \$757.97. 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 – Not much activity. We haven't had a VE session in a long time. Some of us are participating in the online testing.
- D. Education report – Jim Blake KD7JB was not on the call.
- E. New Member Introduction – Anne K2MTN said there were three new members: David Swenson KA7UCI, Mark Weeks KK7BHY, and Ron Urie KJ7NPY. Roger Hoot asked about how people are hearing about our Club...and then want to join. Henry said word of mouth and also our website. Randy mentioned that while doing the online testing they let people know if people are within 20 miles or so from the Club.

- 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 attending.
- G. Repeater Update
- a. New Repeaters - Rob NR30 Echolink is still down and the main reason for that is the internet link. That is waiting for a couple of reasons 1) weather ...climbing a tower in the blowing wind is kind of sketchy 2) he will need a second person...for safety and also to look at signal strength while he is repointing the antenna. On occasions when we have had higher winds...the dish that we connect to at haystack mountain moves a little. The attachment just doesn't have enough grip for some reason. Henry has found a new gadget with Rasp Pi named Micro Nano which is a combined unit...\$475...has a built-in screen. It also has a built-in 440 RF link...low power. Rob is looking into this intriguing option. Ray said that he would be happy to help Rob with the tower. Dave Owen would be interested in helping with the tower.
 - b. Old Repeaters – Henry KH6VM The Rasp Pi looks pretty good based on his first look. It can be interfaced with a Repeater but he hesitates to plug it directly into our repeater due to the way the Yaesu interface sometimes works...but he is looking forward to exploring this option.

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 a Christmas Party Dec 18th and for the January Membership meeting.

C. Christmas Party (Kerry KC7YL) Kerry said she sent an email out asking for volunteers. And, she has a spreadsheet set up with. Set up is at 4:30pm, Dinner will be at 6:00pm, after that will be the program, and we will be doing the White Elephant with a max of \$20, and after that will be the Raffle Prizes, and then take down 8:30-9:00pm. We really need volunteers to store and cook the meat. She would like to be able to get that soon. You can let her know in the chat or by email. She would like to know how many you are bringing. We are asking that you have your vaccine card. You could email that to us in advance if you like ...including the members of your party ages 5 and up. Otherwise, a negative covid test with-in 72 hours of the party. Michael mentioned that they can show the vaccine card at the door. Washington State has a new application where you can get a QR code. Kerry has the QR Reader on her phone. We are asking that people wear masks if they are not eating or drinking. We are following the state guidelines on that. If you can volunteer ...we sure would appreciate that. Curt volunteered his freezer space. Anne also volunteered her freezer space. Someone mentioned having WA7LAW masks... and Ray said that is a great idea.

F. Membership renewals for 2022 (Anne K2MTN) Please renew your membership for 2022 by U.S. Postal Service as soon as possible. To be eligible for the Raffle Prizes at the Christmas Part

you must be a current year 2021 member. The website "members only" section has a list of "2021 Paid Members" if you wish to check your status. You can email Anne at Secretary@WA7LAW.org if you have trouble checking. We do not plan to accept renewal forms or money at the Christmas Party this year due to time constraints. Anne did email out the fillable pdf form...which does need to be mailed to the address at the top with your \$20 payment.

5. New Business

A. Scouts Troop on the WA7LAW Repeater (Anne K2MTN) Mukilteo Troop #189 have decided to earn their radio merit badge starting Monday 11/20 and going over 3 weeks approximately. Assistant Scoutmaster Scott Adams (AE8SA) will be leading the group. They plan to be on the 2-meter Repeater around 7:30pm to about 8:30pm. It will probably take several Mondays for each kid to get the 10 minutes of radio time required for the badge. Dr. Tom Hutchinson N7PKK has helped with Scouts in the past and he is willing to take point on this and coordinate with the Scoutmaster. If you are going to be around on Monday nights...please connect with Dr. Tom to coordinate so it can be as productive as it can be. Kerry mentioned that there is a girls troop involved with this also and so it is boys and girls. Ray said thank you in advance to anyone who is willing to help out and participate in this. Rob mentioned that some kids will talk your ear off...and others are hard to engage. Be prepared for anything.

B. Any other new Business? (Ray KD7ADP) John Van Dalen shared that Jess and Peggy are moving to Texas in the next month or so, and Steve K7LKA is in Idaho now and he has changed his QRZ page. Anne pointed out that in John's video feed...is the Ham of the Year trophy. Dennis Bradford requested nominations for Ham of the Year...Please email him with nominations by the end of the year. We will present the award in January. This will be the 30th Year of the H.O.Y. Award.

6. The meeting was adjourned at about 9:40 am. Moved by Anne K2MTN second by KennW7SLW passed by vote.

Presentation: "Contesting Basics" by John Van Dalen N7AME.

Submitted by Anne Garay K2MTN
SCHC Secretary