

Snohomish County Hams Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting

0900 March 26, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 0900 by the Tim Kephart KJ7AKV. Kerry was out sick for this meeting.

- A. Zoom Etiquette and Protocols (Tim KJ7AKV)
 - 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?

3. Reports

- A. Secretary's Report - Anne K2MTN announced that the minutes of the last meeting in February were posted on the Club website March 23rd. She requested approval of the posted minutes. A motion was made (by James Wells KJ7ARR) to accept the minutes as posted; It was seconded by (Michael Burnette AF7KB) 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 \$680.07 and Expenses of \$79.92. Checking Account Balance of \$8,373.97, Repeater Maintenance Fd \$805.59, Repeater Endowment Fd \$17,709.93, General Investment FD \$720.73. No questions. A motion was made to accept the report as posted (by Anne K2MTN); it was seconded (by Mark Stoops KK7CWI) and approved by vote.
- C. VE Report – Randy Mather AJ7B announced that starting April 19th the FCC will be charging \$35 fee for new, renew, upgrades, and vanity call applications. The VE Testing will still charge \$15 then if you pass the test, you will have 10 days to go to FCC portal and pay the \$35. If you don't pay in 10 days...then you lose the opportunity and have to take the test again. The ARRL will offer the following benefits. If you go to an ARRL VE Testing Session, the ARRL will offer a one time for applicants under 18 years old... application where the ARRL will pay that \$35 to the FCC for you....one time only. (On a different subject) Tim asked if you are applying for a Vanity Call and you pay \$35 but don't get the Call Sign you requested...do you get your \$35 refunded? Randy said he wasn't sure.
- D. Education report – Jim Blake KD7JB no report

E. New Member Introduction – Anne K2MTN said there were four new members this month: William Olson KK7DXR, Gregor Harrison KJ7ZOK, Nathaniel Manuel KK7EBL, and Richard Paine KJ7YRS. Attendance at the meeting was 24 members and 1 guest John MacDuff.

F. Repeater Update

- a. New Repeaters -- Rob NR30 no report
- b. Old Repeaters – Henry KH6VM – Henry gave an update that the repeaters are functioning okay. We just had a glitch with Echo Link...a windows update caused a problem with Echo Link, but it is fixed now. The Board is looking at funding a device which would help prevent these problems going forward.

4. Old Business

- A. 7QP and Field Day (Tim KJ7AKV) We did email about 7QP and Field Day...and Jim Cronin has volunteered to be the 7QP coordinator, and Jordan Thompson has volunteered to be the Field Day coordinator. We will give both of them the documentation and provide any assistance that we can to make those successful events.
- B. Other Open Positions (Tim KJ7AKV) We are also looking for a replacement for Anne. Due to family obligations with her parents, she has become overwhelmed with the obligations and is not able to continue in the Secretary position. If you are interested in becoming the Secretary, please contact one of the Board members or Anne directly to get more details about what is involved. It is a rewarding position and one of the key positions that support the Club. It is very essential to keeping the Club and Board going.
- C. Club Meeting Location (KJ7AKV) We are still looking for a Club meeting location in Snohomish County which doesn't charge rent (or very little charge), has a projector and large screen, and can hold 50 -125 people ideally. If you come across a place that has those features when you are out and about, please let the Board know. If you are able to ask in person about availability, that would be very helpful.
- D. Online Membership Renewals (Randy AJ7B) Randy gave an update that we have the ability to pay dues online and also to make donations. Randy commented that we may get more new members because it is easier to apply.

5. New Business

- A. Any other new Business? (Tim KJ7AKV) No new business

6. The meeting was adjourned at about 9:16 am. Moved by Anne K2MTN second by Michael Burnette AF7KB passed by vote.

Presentation: "RF Exposure Analysis" by John MacDuff KA7TTY. Here is a little info about John MacDuff. He was first licensed as a Novice in 1984, and currently he is a slow General advancing from Tech Plus to General when the morse code requirement was removed. He became active with Issaquah Amateur Radio Club in 1984 and joined King County ARES soon after. He is currently still active with the Issaquah ARC and also with the Boeing Employee's Amateur Radio Society (BEARS) in Seattle where he is current VP and maintains their web pages. He says he is pretty much an appliance operator and enjoys the operating side more than the tinkering side.

Submitted by Anne Garay K2MTN
SCHC Secretary