

Minutes of Snohomish County Hams Club for January 26, 2008

Meeting opened by President, Grant Hopper KB7WSD at 8:10 AM. He asked for self introductions around the room.

Minutes for November and December 2007 read by past Secretary, Gary Whiting W7MGG, approved after corrections. Steve Hagberg AD7KZ moved to approve Dale Shacklett KA7MVP seconded. It had been incorrectly recorded that Frank Remington had volunteered to be web site editor. Grant Hopper made the correction that Frank Remington agreed to be contest calendar editor. Rob Salsgiver, Grant Hopper and Garwood Thom are the web site committee.

Grant Hopper gave a brief synopsis of the 2007 Christmas Party which included presentation of history of club by Loren Hole KK7M (to be included in written form on the web site hopefully soon), a nice dinner of turkey and ham, a great raffle, election of club officers which include Rob Salsgiver KE7IJT as newly elected director, Steve Hagberg AD7KZ continuing as director, Grant Hopper KB7WSD continuing as President, Eric Nordin AD7BF continuing as Vice President, Gary Whiting W7MGG continuing in his role as Treasurer and Melisa Nordin KE7KRS newly elected club Secretary. Ham of the year Jim Ludden KD7RHI.

Grant and all in attendance welcomed back Bob Huson WA7HYD after his hospitalization.

Membership report by Grant Hopper 45 out of over a hundred club members have renewed so far for 2008.

Treasurer's report was read by Gary Whiting. Included in the treasurers report was that Keith Jackson AD7FT has completed his final payment and is a life member of the club. See file

Education Committee Report was given by Jim Ludden KD7RHI who reported that 13 people signed up and 11 actually took the class. Class was held on February 8,9, and 10 at Everett Clinic, Everett. All 11 students passed their Technician Class Exam.

VE report: There was no VE report for December.

Technical Committee report was given by Steve Burling KJ7YL. Jon is making progress with the new repeater and new repeater controller and plans to get it fully functional at his house before installing it at Baker View.

Web Committee report was given by Grant Hopper. Committee is ready to open the website and forums to new members and will be doing so in the next week or so. The committee is looking for some moderators for the forums.

Field Day: Grant reported that the club is still looking for a Field Day Coordinator. Rob Salsgiver announced that he will be unavailable for Field Day this year.

#### Programs:

Grant put out a call for anyone with ideas for programs to make their ideas known. Keith Jackson AD7FT suggested a program on HF digital modes and agreed to present on that topic at the May meeting.

Rob Salsgiver reported that he is working on assembling a station for portable packet operation and might be able to do a program on that some time.

Grant has communicated with K7PP about the possibility of him doing a presentation for the club on the K7PP repeater system. This has yet to be arranged since e-mails to K7PP have been bouncing.

David Cornell W9LD offered to present a program on the Fists CW club.

Frank Remington K7GSE offered to do a presentation on working DX.

Paul Erickson KD7EJI explained his idea for a "QSO Party" on ten meters.

Eric Nordin stated he'd be willing to design a special QSL card for the occasion, should it take place.

Grant expressed that he would like to activate some of the islands in the area for the RSGB (Radio Society of Great Britain) IOTA (Islands On The Air) program.

#### Other Items:

Bob Huson announced that his SnoCoHams Yahoo site is being phased out.

Rob Salsgiver announced that a new Red Cross communications group has been formed and they are in the process of converting a donated ambulance into a com van.

Eric Nordin mentioned for the benefit of new members that the club does an annual Fox Hunt in September. Grant followed that up by saying that he and Steve Hagberg have plans to conduct several Fox Hunts throughout the year.

Bob Huson and Eric Nordin both mentioned that they had listened in on the recent HARP moon-bounce experiment and had heard the signals echoed from the moon.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Eric Nordin and seconded by Dale Shacklett. Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 AM.

Program on Emergency Preparedness was presented by Grant Hopper.