

## 04/27-April 2013 Meeting Minutes

Frank dedicated the meeting to support for Bob Huson, WA7HYD, who is home at this time. Rob NR3O called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM in the Rainier Room of Providence Medical Center. Members introduced themselves.

### REPORTS

**Treasurer's report:** Rob reported that QuickBooks records have been in process. Delays accompany the reports to membership from records. Pamela expressed appreciation for previous treasurers, as well as Rob for his interpretation of records to her. Savings account total today is \$1389.15, and statement is filed with minutes. Rob reported on the fun of wrestling with budgets during transition between old and new treasurer. Formal report withheld pending clarification of record.

**Minutes** from Club meetings on March 23, 2013 have been available for member inspection on the Club website. Motion to approve minutes. Motion passed.

**VE session.** Loren reported on last test session March 23<sup>rd</sup>, when five persons took six tests, and four passed. Three new Techs and one new Extra Class licensee came into the hobby. Next session after today will be May 25<sup>th</sup>. Site for tests is still Bakerview Apartments, 14<sup>th</sup> and Poplar Streets, Everett. Loren explained how to become a VE. Our sessions requires that VE's have Extra Class, in order that they may test candidates for any license class.

**Education.** Jim Ludden watches for inquiries about a class from the P.O.Box. No inquiries have come recently, hence no class is planned for the immediate future.

**Tech Report:** Steve reported that the repeater hardware is working fine. He changed courtesy tones to distinguish among receivers. He seeks to minimize the number of trips to the repeater site in case of trouble. There is no further word from John Fortier regarding alternative link receiver site.

**EmComm:** Ole Munson, W7OLE, reported on a drill at Providence Hospital. It was successful, with adequate participation. No further drill is scheduled at the moment. He reported on racing and other events relating to EmComm, which the Club will monitor.

**DX report.** Frank said bands have been bad recently owing to solar flares. On April 25 hams will be in Tanzania at station TS8TI, and Finnish hams applied for Z81X and Z81B to activate South Sudan. A new rare DX station, Myanmar is on through June with callsign XZ1K, but may only be using PSK31 mode. There is a group working on a DXpedition to North Korea.

**Contesting:** Frank worked over 300 QSO's in the worldwide WPX contest. Jack Rookaird mentioned several QSO parties last weekend, when conditions were poor. During 7QP, he will be down in a yurt in Pacific County working the contest. The Club will set up for the 7QP contest on May 4-5, in Eagle Ridge Park, on Soper Hill Road near the Senior Center, Lake Stevens.

**J-Pole project.** Dave W9LD reported that the project will proceed Sat., May 18, 10AM, at Curt N7OBI's QTH. Please sign up.

**Bullitt Center:** Dave reported on the Grand Opening of downtown Seattle's new Bullitt Center, supposed to be the greenest building in the world. All water, heating and cooling, electric, light, are generated on site. He emphasized the electric grid interconnection, in which the solar power is sold to the electric utility, and power is purchased as needed. The building should be a net producer of electricity rather than a consumer.

**Field Day:** Coordinator Ray Smith KD7AVP reported that three more planning meetings are scheduled. He's looking for a person to operate the GOTA station, digital station, UHF station, and repeater announcement. Steve will put the announcement on the repeater system. Steve can help set up a PSK station with laptop, radio, interconnections and software. Free software for PSK is still available on the internet.

**COMM Academy:** It's an annual event, 2<sup>nd</sup> week of April, focused upon EmComm. Mary, KE7FQJ, attended both days and found it all interesting. Earthquake experience in Christchurch, New Zealand, drives thought to think about response in our area.

#### **Calendar of events:**

7QP, May 4-5, Eagle Ridge Park, Lake Stevens

Stanwood-Camano Hamfest, May 11<sup>th</sup>

Deception Pass Challenge swim-bike-run, June 22, 8AM-1PM

July Parade, Everett, July 4<sup>th</sup>

Ragnar Relay, July 19-20

N7P, Paine Field, May 18, special event, 9AM-5PM (Contact person, Jack Rookaird)

**Programs.** Rob asked the Club whether they would like to have more programs to showcase different facets of our hobby. Reports also serve a variety of activities. Should the format of the meetings be changed? Tom suggested programs that last 30 minutes, others suggest 60 minutes. VE's need to leave by 9:30AM. Rob suggested that PSK31 be a topic for a coming program. Is there interest in "Evergreen Intertie?" Another possible topic: "SPICE" circuit analysis?

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:18 AM.

Respectfully submitted

Dave Cornell W9LD, Secretary

Approved

Rob Salsgiver NR3O, President