

2014/09/27 September 2014 Meeting Minutes

General meeting

Raffle: Tickets were on sale for a 50/50 raffle. Ticket price is \$1 each, or six tickets for \$5. Drawing will be made promptly at 9:00 AM. Income will go to prizes for the Christmas Party.

Dave WA7DGW called the meeting to order at 8:02 AM in the Rainier Room of Providence Medical Center. Visitors and members introduced themselves around the table.

REPORTS

Treasurer's report: Dave W9LD gave the report. Motion to approve was seconded and passed. The Credit Union balance sheet was given to the Secretary at the Board meeting and is filed with minutes.

Minutes: Minutes for the August 23, 2014, have been on the website. Motion to approve minutes from that meeting was seconded and passed.

VE report: Loren KK7M said the club has 12 VE's in all. For August's session, 10 persons tested, resulting in six new Techs, one General and one new Extra Class licensee. Six persons new to ham radio came.

Education report: Jim K7KFB confirmed the class for October 17, 18, and 19 in the Rainier Room. A VE test session will be given following the class. Six persons are already registered, and Jim expects a dozen or so students. He is still assembling the group of instructors. Inquiries go to the Club webpage address: <training@wa7law.org>

Tech report: Steve KJ7YL reported continuous operation of the repeater, including Echolink connections. He is still checking on alternate linked receiver locations. Use of voice-over-internet protocol would streamline the connection between remote and master receivers, replacing the need for an RF path between the two.

DX report: Frank K7GSE said that bands have been active recently, especially ten meters. Other DXpeditions include ZD9XF off Africa. Solar disturbances have affected the bands both for better and for worse, depending upon emissions from the Sun.

OLD BUSINESS:

O'Sullivan estate: Patrick O'Sullivan, WA7AVI, passed away August 26, 2014. There will be a memorial service TBA. The Club sent his family a condolence card, offering assistance with dismantling his station. Cascade Radio Club was given radio equipment by Patrick's will. Our club will receive miscellaneous antennas. Steve K7LKA will help Dave WA7DGW on Sunday 9/28 at 11:00 AM. Anyone else is invited to help. Contact Dave WA7DGW.

Field Day: The Club still looks for a Field Day Coordinator.

Tee shirts and patches are available: Contact Steve K7LKA, Quartermaster for info on availability or to purchase.

Club Audit: The audit is complete and will be submitted to the Board.

Salmon Run last week ran at various locations. Thank you to those who hosted action in their home! Chris Wartes K7II hosted a multi-single entry, making 233 contacts, including 83 multipliers. Band conditions were a limitation, especially on 10 and 15 meters. Jim K7KFB worked from a Camano Island location, making 150 contacts on 80/40/20 meters. They contacted many counties in Washington. Jim KD7JB took his son and wife to a state park location. Bands were good from Jim's point of view. The tilted antenna worked well, while the NVIS one didn't work at all. He scored over 1000 points, including Cayman Islands and the Slavic Republic. Rob NR3O reported on the two transmitter setup at the Salsgivers' home site. Filters weren't needed owing to physical separation of the antennas there. About 18 operators participated, including one new operator. Significantly, they contacted all counties in the state! Everyone had a good time.

NEW BUSINESS:

50/50 Raffles: Total cash collected in today's sale was \$140, so \$70 will go to the Christmas Party prize fund.

Calendar:

- a. Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air, Oct. 18, enter across the street from Camp Freeman, 9-10 till 4:00 PM.
- b. Christmas Party, Saturday, December 13, 2014, Bakerview Apartment, 6:00 PM. Ham of the Year Award will be given at the party. Submit nominee name(s) with bio(s) to Jess Ray AD7PZ.

Election: Loren KK7M, Rob NR3O, and Steve KJ7YL passed out ballots in absence of Nominating Committee Jess Ray. Eligible voters include Life and Regular members paid through 2014, including those paying dues received today. Candidates prepared by the Nominating Committee are:

President: Dave Williamson, WA7DGW

Vice President: Ken Dempsey, KE7ND

Treasurer: Randy Mather, AJ7B

Director at large: Jim Blake, KD7JB

Secretary: Dave Cornell, W9LD

Election was unanimous for all candidates.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:32 AM.

Respectfully submitted

Dave Cornell, Secretary

Approved

Dave Williamson, WA7DGW, President

Program: PSK-31 presentation by Steve KJ7YL and Steve K7LKA. Program ideas are solicited. Tom N7PKK and Tom Sykes NU7J introduction to the process of serving Boy Scouts and JOTA.