

General meeting

Ken KE7ND, acting for traveling Dave WA7DGW, called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM in the Providence Medical Center, Colby Campus, Rainier Room, at 8:00 AM...

## PRELIMINARIES

**Introductions:** First-time visitors, new members and members introduced themselves.

**50/50 Raffle:** Tickets were on sale with Quartermaster Phil Meyer, KG7OSO, for the raffle. Cost is \$1 per ticket or six for \$5; half of the raffle income is applied towards gifts at the Christmas Party.

**T-shirts/patches:** Size XL Shirts were available. Interested parties see the Quartermaster and pay Treasurer Randy AJ7B. More tee shirts will be ordered in January 2016.

**FISTS - CW training disks:** These are available for free. Ask quartermaster Phil in back.

**Club promotions:** Business cards and informational brochures are available as handouts to assist when talking about amateur radio.

## REPORTS

**Treasurer's report:** Randy Mather AJ7B gave the Treasurer's report through November 22, 2015, details for which have been posted on the website. Motion to approve the report was seconded and passed.

**Minutes:** Dave Cornell W9LD mentioned that draft minutes for the October 24, 2015, meeting have been updated on the website. Motion to approve minutes was seconded and passed.

**VE report:** Loren Hole KK7M reported that the VE team served five people last month. Four new Technician licensees resulted and one Tech upgraded to general. Details are filed with minutes.

**Education report:** Jim Ludden K7KFB currently refers inquirers about classes to study sessions to sources elsewhere. The Club is looking for a new educational program coordinator because Jim is ready to move on

**Tech group:** Frank K7GSE reported in Curt Green N7OBI's absence. Attendance last week was excellent, including building J-pole and quad antennas, and working on mobile installations. Tech group meets on the third Saturday of the month at Curt's house, starting at about 9:00 AM.

**EMCOMM Committee report:** Bob Wheeler KC7QT, reported that some emergency services have been transferred to the County Office of Emergency Management. Jim, K7KFB, asked individuals, who live in Everett and who have capability of direct communication by RF with the repeater, to contact him for the purpose of the County OEM, which is working to organize an Everett-based network of hams.

**DX report:** Frank Remington K7GSE reported that HF bands have been active, including the CQ worldwide DX contest, CW, this weekend. The DXpedition to Willis Island, VK9WA, smallest island in

the Pacific Ocean, was very successful, netting more than 20,000 QSOs. Several new DXpeditions will come in the New Year. Watch for specifics in the New Year.

**Repeater update:** In the absence of Rob Salsgiver NR3O Frank K7GSE reported that he monitors both VHF and UHF repeaters, thanks to a Club-supplied radio. The repeaters appear to be in good shape. He said that the Boeing Amateur Radio Club acquired a new Fusion repeater recently.

**Field Day:** Don Whedon, ex-KG7HBT, aka K7DDW, will coordinate FD 2016.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Bylaw Ratification.** Frank K7GSE moved, and his motion was seconded, that the club ratify Bylaws 2.5.3 and 5.1.6 as read to the members at the October meeting. Bylaw 2.5.3 was opened for discussion, because Club rules require discussion before final action. During discussion the membership favored an alternate wording which slightly tweaked the original wording. The membership voted unanimously to ratify the Bylaws as below.

### **2.5.3 SILENT KEY LIFE MEMBERSHIP POLICY**

If a LIFE member becomes a silent key, and a surviving spouse is not a LIFE member but is currently licensed by the FCC as an amateur radio operator in good standing, then the Club passes the LIFE membership to the surviving spouse.

### **5.1.6 REPEATER ENDOWMENT INVESTMENT FUND POLICY.**

This policy shall be maintained by the Board after its initial approval by a vote of the membership. The policy can be subsequently changed by a simple majority vote of the Board in any Board meeting. EXCEPTION: The purpose of the funds, as outlined in the policy, cannot be changed except by a vote of two-thirds or more of the members at any regular club meeting where there is a quorum of fifty percent or greater of the membership.

**Trailer Committee:** Jim, K7KFB, reported on progress towards a storage trailer, which included size, covered, used, favorable price, etc. A subcommittee of Dave WA7DGW, Jim K7KFB, and Ray, KD7AVP, went to Aberdeen to see a used trailer, licensed in Oklahoma, price ~\$3500, 6ft x 16ft, closed, doors on side and rear. John, N7AME, volunteered to inquire about insurance coverage for our equipment stored in the trailer, etc.

Dave W9LD, moved, it was seconded, and passed, to purchase the Aberdeen trailer, pending insurance verification, using funds in the trailer fund and general fund.

A show of hands showed a substantial number, who will contribute to support the Trailer fund.

**Christmas Party:** Jess KD7PZ reported that preparations are going well. Attendees were reminded to bring a side dish or salad. Setup will begin at 10:00 AM, Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, and food setup begins at 4:30 PM. Rob NR3O will be Emcee at the party. Dinner tickets and raffle tickets will be on sale at the party. Individuals must be present at the party to receive prizes. Location is Bakerview Community Center, 1401 Poplar St. Everett, entrance on the north side.

**Extra:**

**50/50 Raffle:** Winner of drawing was Jim, K7KFB. Total collected was \$94. Half goes to Christmas Party prizes.

**Frank K7GSE** mentioned his objective as President: to involve women in the Club.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted

Dave Cornell, W9LD, Secretary

Approved

Ken Dempsey, KE7ND, Vice President