

# Snohomish County Hams Club

## General Membership Meeting

### Minutes

May 26, 2018

1. The meeting was called to order at 0800 by the President Rob Salsgiver NR3O
2. Introductions
  - a. Call for first time visitors. There were a few visitors who introduced themselves:
    - (1) Emma Joy Wise - Stanwood
    - (2) Rod Long - North Lakewood
    - (3) Morgan McCarthy - Concrete
    - (4) Cook Corclan - South Everett
  - b. The membership introduced themselves
  - c. The following announcements were made by the president:
    - (1) The 50/50 Raffle drawing will be at 0900 - buy tickets prior.
    - (2) Henry Poland announced that he held the T-shirt that had been ordered. He also has patches for \$5 and stickers for \$2.
    - (3) Rob Salsgiver advised the membership of the new policy regarding the use of chairs inside the new tent: only chairs with 'looped' legs are authorized - not the standard straight leg type which can easily punch a hole in the tent flooring.
    - (4) Rob Salsgiver advised that a new, long power cord has gone missing from the Club's inventory, possibly from the Westgate School Science night event. Please check to make sure that it didn't get mixed with personal equipment.
3. Reports
  - a. Treasurer's report – Randy Mather announced that the monthly treasurer's report had been posted on the Club website and requested approval of the posted report. A motion was made by Roger to approve, seconded by Jim Grieco and approved by vote.
  - b. Secretary - Roger Hoot announced that the minutes of last month's (April) meeting had been posted on the Club website and requested approval of the posted minutes. A motion was made by Randy Mather to accept the minutes, it was seconded by Dave Cornell and approved by vote.
  - c. VE Report - Randy Mather announced the results of the VE test session conducted on 3/27 as follows:
    - (1) Many **V**oluntary **E**xaminers were present
    - (2) 3 tests were administered to 3 candidates with the following results:
      - (a) 1 new HAM at the General Level
      - (b) 1 upgraded from General Level to Extra
      - (c) 1 candidate failed to pass the Technician test
    - (3) There will be another test session at 10:00 today at the Bakerview site with an expected high turnout.
  - d. Education Report – Jim Blake announced a class to be held in Arlington on 1-3 June primarily for a medical group. Jim Blake will need instructors for that class. He said that this will be the last class with the existing ARRL lesson slides.
  - e. Membership Report: Roger Hoot reported the following new members:
    - (1) Caitlin McClellan KI7KZF (family member)
  - f. John Van Dalen reported that he held a letter from the Mayor of Everett proclaiming the week of 18-24 June to be Amateur Radio Week, which is worth 100 points for our entry to the Field Day contest.

- g. Dave Archer reported that the next significant event will be the SeaPac Hamfest: June 1-3 in Seaside, OR and the following:
  - (1) Dryden, WA: Hamfest June 8-10
  - (2) Glacier, MT
  - (3) Coos Bay, OR
- h. Club expenses. The president announced the disposition of Frank's antenna and the Club's generator. He then described the purchases of a VHF and UHF antenna. They should be installed next week. The cost was \$1700. We bought a new beam for \$300. Randy and Rob are working on developing a protective casing. We redirected some funds (\$300) for acquiring connectors for headsets/speakers. These expenses cut into the funds budgeted for an HF radio which is now scheduled for purchase next year.
  - i. The 50/50 raffle purpose was described by the Treasurer. Funds are for the prizes at the Christmas party.
  - j. Henry announced that he had extra Club Logo 'clings; and 'stickers' for sale.
  - k. The President announced the following events:
    - (1) Field Day 23/24 June
    - (2) National Night out in August
    - (3) Salmon Run in August needs location
    - (4) Christmas Party site is still undetermined. The Senior Center was identified as a possibility in addition to Arlington Boys/girls Club and the Pres
  - l. Michael Hill announced the planning of a 'Fox Hunt' and asked for interested people to contact him. He's also considering a clinic to build a directional antenna.
  - m. An announcement describing the Boy Scout JOTA event in October was made. More info will be provided at the July meeting.
- 4. 7QP/Field Day. Randy reviewed the results of the 7QP event (well done). He said we got 46,500 points with 448 contacts with a multiplier of 43. He then announced the schedule of Field Day planning meetings: 6 June, 13 June and 20 June; all at 1800 at Alf's in Marysville. With the aid of a displayed logging program, he reviewed the slight differences in information exchange during FD. There will be a 'cheat sheet' at each station depicting the information exchange. He then reviewed the operation of the programming software. We will set up equipment on Friday and start 'contacting' at 1100 on Saturday for 24 hours.
- 5. The 50/50 raffle drawing was held. Ticket number 301805 was drawn. It was held by Mark Simpkins who received \$49; half of the \$98 pot. He donated his winnings to the general fund.
- 6. Rob reviewed questions developed by Randy to determine interests of the membership. By far, the highest interest is in H/T programming. He explained the value of getting the General license (expanded band/frequency access). There was lengthy discussion about 'NET' participation (or lack thereof).
- 7. The meeting was adjourned at 0920.

Submitted by Roger Hoot KF7WVT  
Secretary