

# Snohomish County Hams Club

## General Membership Meeting

### Minutes

October 27, 2018

1. The meeting was called to order at 0800 by the President Rob Salsgiver NR3O
2. Introductions
  - a. The President called for first time visitors. There were several:
    - (1) Jacquelyn Scherer
    - (2) J.M. Cronin (ret AF)
    - (3) Mark Rosenthal
    - (4) Mary O'Farrell
    - (5) Sam
    - (6) Steve KI7TTW (extra)
  - b. The membership introduced themselves
  - c. Dave Cornell W9LD announced that member Michael Burnette AF7KB was a published author of a HAM Radio book (study guide for Technician License)
3. The following announcements were made by the president:
  - a. The 50/50 Raffle drawing will be at 0900 - buy tickets prior. Proceeds are used to fund Christmas Party prizes. Rob explained the reasons for the new site. He described the party agenda. Roger Hoot amplified the details of the party as being a pot-luck event to the extent that the Club provides the Turkey and Ham while the attendees provide side dishes. He requested volunteers to help setup/tear down the facility. An email will be sent out soon to solicit participants. The party will be on 15 December, starting at 1730 although setup starts at about 1030.
4. 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 and approved by vote. Randy requested that people not submit their membership dues at the Christmas Party. Roger reminded everyone that the dues cover a calendar year (Jan-Dec). Larry Warner reminded all that there is an option of Lifetime membership that is economically viable.
  - b. Secretary's report - Roger Hoot announced that the minutes of the last meeting (Sep) 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 and approved by vote.
  - c. Education report - Jim Blake announced that there may be a class in January. He stated that the Education Committee was entertaining the idea of developing a General License Class with other than ARRL material. Randy pointed out that it would have improved lesson contents. Randy
  - d. Randy announced that he had conducted one test session since the last VE report with the help of 10 VE's:
    - (1) 9/22/2018: 4 tests to 3 candidates that resulted in:
      - (a) 1 new Technician
      - (b) 1 Upgrade to General
      - (c) 1 Upgrade to Extra

(2) Rob announced the re-activation of the Elmer list on the Website. If a member needs help, he/she can refer to the list of Emers under the heading of 'activities' and seek assistance with their particular issue.

e. Roger announced new members:

(1) Fred Elliott KJ7ARH

(2) James Jorgenson - WA7JNJ (new call sign)

5. STEAM Event - John Van Dalen reported that he had been contacted by Beverly Elementary School to participate in their annual Science Technology Engineering Art and Math night on 13 December (1700-1930). Last year was our first with this school although we have participated in Westgate School's event for several years. He will send out an email on the Club Reflector.

a. John also announced that the Imagine Museum is interested in having a monthly display of HAM radio but he has not developed any details.

b. John reported the results of the Salmon Run contest. There were seven members of SCHC that registered. Rob provided an overview of what/how the Club participates in this annual Washington State contest. Chris Wartes was recognized for having 11 operators at his QTH.

6. YL NET - Rob introduced the interest of having a 'YL' net without strict adherence to an established format. He said that maybe non-HAMs could participate with their HAM sponsor in attendance. A survey of desired day/time identified Saturday/weekday in afternoon as most attractive. Kerry Burnette KG7NVJ would most likely take the lead on this activity.

a. Rob announced that the EchoLink repeater should be repaired later in the week.

b. Rob announced that the election for ARRL leadership positions were due by the end of the month.

7. Presentation - Randy provided a presentation about how to use a free software program that he uses to decide when to get on the air called [www.dxlabsuite.com](http://www.dxlabsuite.com).

a. Rob stated that this tool might be useful during the annual Field Day.

b. John identified several tools for predicting propagation

8. At 0900 the 50/50 raffle drawing was held. Ticket number 6572 was drawn. It was held by John Anderson KD7BZX who received \$110; half of the \$220 pot.

9. There was a request by a member for use of a 21' trailer assistance to move a tower from Arlington to Marysville.

10. Jim Blake requested assistance in operating a fusion capable H/T.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 0925.

Submitted by Roger Hoot KF7WVT