

Snohomish County Hams Club  
General Membership Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting

0800 August 22, 2020

1. The meeting was called to order at 0800 by the President Ray Smith KD7AVP.
2. Welcome
  - A. Zoom Etiquette and Protocols (Ray KD7AVP)
    - a. First & Last Name plus Call Sign in Screen Name
    - b. Keep yourself muted unless you are called upon to speak
    - c. Use the Hand Raising function in Zoom if you want to speak. The moderator will be watching for raised hands. Thanks to Dave for being moderator today. You can use the Chat or the Hand Raising.
  - B. Any First Time Visitors/Guests? One visitor Gary Evans AB7RK of Stanwood
3. Reports
  - A. Secretary's Report - Anne K2MTN announced that the minutes of the last meeting in July 2020 had been posted on the Club website. She requested approval of the posted minutes. A motion was made (by John N7AME) to accept the minutes as posted; It was seconded (by Dave KI7DPP) and approved by vote. No questions.
  - B. Treasurer's report – Randy AJ7B announced that the monthly treasurer's report had been posted on the Club website. He screen-shared the report. No questions. A motion was made to accept the report as posted (by Tim KJ7AKV); it was seconded (by Anne K2MTN) and approved by vote.
  - C. Randy said that No VE sessions have happened since February due to Covid restrictions.
  - D. Education report - Jim Blake KD7JB said our usual venue (Providence) has not opened up to the public, so we currently have no venue and we really haven't looked into any way to do VE testing even if we had an alternate method of instruction. I have seen where other clubs are having classes and VE testing(Hells Canyon ARC) and I would look into it.
  - E. New Member Introduction – Anne K2MTN introduced
    - a. Brian Corneal KJ7NUN
    - b. Bryan Martin KJ7PRS ...as new members since the last meeting.
  - F. List of Attendees – Anne K2MTN read a list of the members attending today using her attendance sheet and the names listed in participants window. There were 32 members marked here on the attendance sheet.
4. Old Business
  - A. Repeater Update
    - a. New Repeaters - Rob NR30...nothing heard
    - b. Old Repeaters – Henry KH6VM...nothing heard

## 5. New Business

A. John N7AME announced that we would do a moment of silence for Silent Key Kevin Haney KJ7NCC. Two photos were shown on screen. Kevin and his dog Marnie. Kevin as Spock - his vanity call sign was KJ7NCC (USS Enterprise (NCC-1701) is a starship in Star Trek)

B. Ray KD7AVP announced that the Nominating Committee to prepare a slate for the Club Officer Ballot. The Voting will be during the Membership Meeting in October. Contact Ray if you would like to run for a position.

C. John N7AME announced that Loren Hole KK7M is donating some equipment to the Club and the Club will be selling it by Auction. The equipment includes a 70 foot crank up tower which needs to be removed from the side of Loren's house. That tower has been in the "cranked down" position for several years and will need some maintenance. It might need some welding to fix some steps. There are also a rotator and classic triband antenna which will be sold. John has a list and pictures of some other items that Loren is donating. He will send an email to the Reflector about the auction. It will be open for a week probably. The highest bid will get it. Email John N7AME at [johnv@frontier.com](mailto:johnv@frontier.com) if you want more information about the items which are for sale.

\*Please if you want to put a bid on an item...Do not do it on the Relector. Please email John directly at the email above with your bid.

Presentation: John N7AME did a presentation about "WSJT-X FT4/FT8 and WSJT-X JTAlert and how it operates on 80 m – 70 cm during this low propagation time". The presentation included some background info about FT8 which is a weak signal digital format. John showed the application on the screen "Live" during the meeting. The settings in the WSJT-X software were covered in detail. Software named "JTAlert" which works with the WSJT-X programs to help record contacts were covered. John had a slide deck about the subject and if you would like a copy, please email John N7AME at [johnv@frontier.com](mailto:johnv@frontier.com).

Randy AJ7B added if you are interested in WSJT-X and using FT8, look for "FT8 Operating Tips" by Hinson on the web. This is a good source of information.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15am. Moved by Anne K2MTN, second by Tim KJ7AKV, passed by vote.

Submitted by Anne Garay K2MTN  
SCHC Secretary