

Snohomish County Hams Club  
General Membership Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting

0800 January 23, 2020

1. The meeting was called to order at 0800 by the Vice President Dave Somers KI7DPP. Dave mentioned that the meeting would be recorded, and it was. Here is the link.  
<https://youtu.be/loSHxxo7jUk>
2. Welcome
  - A. Zoom Etiquette and Protocols (Dave KI7DPP)
    - 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. You can use the Chat or the Hand Raising.
  - B. Any First Time Visitors/Guests? First time visitor was Jim Otis KJ7QFK who just joined and lives in Tukwilla, Bruce Gary just rejoined, Michael Hill said it was his first time joining on Zoom, and another visitor was Scott Honaker N7SS the speaker
3. Reports
  - A. Secretary's Report - Anne K2MTN announced that the minutes of the last two meetings in November and December 2020 had been posted on the Club website. She requested approval of the posted minutes. A motion was made (by Tim KJ7AKV) to accept the minutes as posted; it was seconded (by John N7AME) 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. Income of \$1,380.00 (includes a Life Membership) and Expenses of \$90.67 (we paid Annual 990 Tax). Checking Account Balance of \$8,617.83, Repeater Maintenance Fd \$605.44, Repeater Endowment Fd \$12,872.49, General Investment FD \$473.97. No questions. A motion was made to accept the report as posted (by Anne K2MTN); it was seconded (by Tim KJ7AKV) and approved by vote.
  - C. VE Report - Randy said we didn't have any VE Testing but a number of members have joined the Lake Washington Amateur Radio Club (LWARC). We have been conducting online testing for a few months now. They are looking for new members who want to be a VE and do online testing. This is an opportunity for those in our Club who have been VEs in the past or anyone who has a General License or above and who are interested in doing VE Testing. Contact Randy if you are interested.
  - D. Education report – Jim Blake KD7JB said he doesn't have a lot to report. There have been quite a few folks interested and he has been sending them to the LWARC site for testing etc. Right now we don't have any plans to have any classes in the future until we can get back into our Providence conference room. We aren't planning to do any online education right now.

- E. New Member Introduction – Anne K2MTN introduced
  - a. Jim Otis KJ7QFK
  - b. Nicholas Storms KJ7TBD
- F. List of Attendees – Anne K2MTN read a list of the members attending today using her attendance sheet and the names listed in the participants window. There were 41 members and 1 visitor (Scott Honaker N7SS is the visitor).
- G. Repeater Update
  - a. New Repeaters - Rob NR30 not here today
  - b. Old Repeaters – Henry KH6VM said we have made some improvements including adding a UPS for the computer systems on the Ham WAN routers to give us some stability. Rob and Ray fixed the Ham WAN after the storm knocked it out of alignment. The wind was strong enough that it repointed the antennas a little bit. Things are hopefully more stable now except for the Windows updates. We are thinking of moving the EchoLink to a Linux based platform to reduce the problems.

#### 4. Old Business

- A. Net Controllers. (Dave KI7DPP) We are still looking for a couple of Net controller members and someone to replace Jim Hill in the Net Control Organizer position. If you are interested in being Net Controller during weekly Nets, please contact Ray to apply.
- B. Members Meeting Start Time (Dave KI7DPP) The Board voted to change the Start Time for the Membership Meetings from 8:00am to 9:00am starting with the February Meeting next month. Henry said that it is a good idea which will probably boost our attendance and we will probably look a little better at 9:00am.

#### 5. New Business

- A. Annual Membership Renewal and Password Change (Anne K2MTN) It is that time. Annual Membership Renewals for 2021 if you haven't already renewed are due by February 26<sup>th</sup>. Many people have already renewed and if you aren't sure if you did already, check the website Roster of Paid Members for 2021 in the Members Only section. The website Password will be updated Sunday Feb 28<sup>th</sup> and we will process any renewals after Feb 26<sup>th</sup> as soon as possible but to avoid an interruption in your access to the Members Only section with the Password...please renew as soon as possible. Roger asked how we are going to be informed of the new Password? Is an email going to come out? Anne said yes there will be an email like there was for August 1<sup>st</sup> and everyone who is Paid or has a Life Membership will receive that email using the SCHC-Announce mailing list. We will send the email out the morning of the 28<sup>th</sup>.
- B. Trustee Position (Dave KI7DPP) Loren Hole KK7M who has held the "Trustee" position for many years needs to resign due to family obligations. So, we are looking for a person to fill that role. The "Trustee" position is described in the Guidebook for Officers and Board Members posted in the Members Only section of the website. The licenses of the club repeaters and club FCC Call Sign are registered in the Trustee's name for as long as they serve in the position. The

position is officially appointed by the President and ratified by the Board according to the Guidebook. So, there will not be a Club Vote. The Trustee should be someone who has prior experience in serving on the Club Board. Please let Ray know if you are interested in this role. Roger asked if the position requires an Extra Class License to be a Trustee? Dave said he didn't believe so. It is not a requirement of the FCC (someone commented who was a Trustee previously). Anne looked at the Guidebook for Officers and Board Members and there is not a requirement about Ham License level. Dave said, we really want to thank Loren for all the years he has served in that position, he has been fantastic on the board, and we wish him and his family well. Henry said he agreed totally.

C. Financial Investment Supervision Position (Dave KI7DPP) Loren Hold KK7M also has held a Financial Investment Supervision position and has lead the Club efforts to set up and operate the Repeater Endowment Fund and the Club General Investment Fund. Someone who is knowledgeable about investments is desired for this position. Please let Ray know if you are interested in this position.

D. Zoom Classes on Basic Ham Topics (John N7AME) John said he has talked to several club members who are new and spent some time with last year's joiners of the club and he found that they need some basic training.... John has plans to offer some Zoom Classes for anyone wanting to understand basic Ham Radio concepts in more depth maybe on a Thursday night. John is planning a session soon that would cover things like how do you "break" into a conversation on HF. General practices of HF radio, sideband, and other topics. It would be generally a question and answer session type format. He will use some of Michael Burnette's material because he has done quite a nice job on that. If John can't answer the question he will give them a source to go to or find someone who can help them. He will be advertising this training session shortly on the reflector and the training will be 30-60 minutes long. It will have info about what is it like to be a Ham...What do we do? John also said we have 5 people who joined early last year and who were about to be licensed...but then everything stopped. And, we want to help them keep learning about Ham. If anyone has any questions you can email John or phone him. John will set up the Zoom Meetings and send the email. As an after note....John said he just got his "5 Bands worked All States" certificate and it took him 42 years to get it but he finally got it. The last 2 were NY and RI on 80 meters. Congratulations to John!

E. Dave said that Roger Hoot was nominated for the Trustee position in the Chat. Congratulations to Roger.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40am. Moved by Anne K2MTN second by Steve Burling KJ7YL, passed by vote.

Presentation: Scott Honaker N7SS presented a program on "Getting the most from your HT". Here is a link to the slide deck

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Submitted by Anne Garay K2MTN  
SCHC Secretary