

Snohomish County Hams Club  
General Membership Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting

0900 April 24, 2020

1. The meeting was called to order at 0900 by the Ray Smith KD7ADP. The meeting was recorded. Here is the link.

<https://youtu.be/jtrVlfizBKM>

2. Welcome

- A. Zoom Etiquette and Protocols (Ray KD7ADP)
  - 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. We will be recording this Zoom meeting and posting it for members to watch (probably on YouTube because the file is too large to send by email). If you have any concerns about being recorded, we wanted to make you aware so that you can turn off your video if you wish.
- C. Any First Time Visitors/Guests? Harvey and Burt and Kelsey Brenton

3. Reports

- A. Secretary's Report - Anne K2MTN announced that the minutes of the last meeting in March 2021 had been posted on the Club website 4/9/2021. She requested approval of the posted minutes. A motion was made (by Randy AJ7B) to accept the minutes as posted; It was seconded (by Tim KJ7AKV) 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 \$976.31 and Expenses of \$0. Checking Account Balance of \$10,489.88, Repeater Maintenance Fd \$605.48, Repeater Endowment Fd \$15,316.45, General Investment FD \$513.09. No questions. A motion was made to accept the report as posted (by Kenn W7SLW); it was seconded (by Anne K2MTN) and approved by vote.
- C. VE Report - Randy said that members of our SCHC VE Team have joined the Lake Washington Amateur Radio Club (LWARC) and that group is still looking for more VEs if you are interested.
- D. Education report – Jim Blake KD7JB was not on the call.
- E. New Member Introduction – Anne K2MTN said there were no new members this month
- F. List of Attendees – Anne K2MTN read a list of the members attending today using her attendance sheet and the names listed in the participant's window. There were 34 members and 1 guest Mike Ritz W7VO.

#### G. Repeater Update

- a. New Repeaters - Rob NR30 was not on the call.
- b. Old Repeaters – Henry KH6VM said no updates...we are just humming along.

#### 4. Old Business

A. Financial Investment Committee Position (Dave KI7DPP) We are still looking for someone for the Financial Investment Committee Position. A couple of people have expressed interest in the position, and we are looking at those. But we are still looking for someone who is knowledgeable about investments. Please let Ray know if you are interested in this position. Email would be good.

B. Mailing List Update / Groups.io (Ray KD7ADP) In case you didn't see it...Rob sent an email on 4/14 to the Membership saying that we have switched to the SCHC Groups io reflector and Rob has closed down the old WA7LAW website list. Ray said, if you are having any difficulties and aren't getting the emails...get a hold of Rob or Ray and they will help get you connected.

C. 7QP Status (Tim KJ7AKV) 7QP is next weekend. Tim said that he had mailed out the sign-up sheet and we can only have one operator per band per mode. He will send that sheet out again. His plan is to send out the Finalized List on Friday. If you see an open slot and you want to use it...you can call Tim on his cell phone to make sure no one else has taken that slot. Tim asked if anyone had questions. Dave Freese K7GP asked how are we going to avoid duplicates with multiple operators? Tim will combine the logs and turn it in, and he will still submit the duplicates because it may not have been a complete contact by one side or the other. It doesn't cause a problem to submit duplicates and that also makes sure that the other people get credit for the contact. Tim would prefer to have only the contacts that use the Club Call but if you can't that is okay. Tim can separate them.

#### 5. New Business

A. Field Day Status (Ray KD7ADP) Because we are in Phase 3 and we can have groups up to 50 people. Because there is a possibility, the Board went ahead and reserved a location for Field Day. We don't know yet what will happen. Rob sent a Survey about Field Day asking if Members would attend an in-person event and 70% said that they would attend and 26% said they would not. (4% said they would attend but only if vaccinations were required). Stay tuned and we will have more info when we get closer. Ray asked if there were any questions. Randy gave an update that he just reserved the same spot we had back in 2019 the bluff overlooking the Everett Marine Harbor. It is in the process of being approved. But no one else is trying to reserve that area. So, it looks like we will get it. It is just a matter of approval by their board. Tim added that we decided to go ahead and put together a scaled down version of Field Day at the last minute. Everything is still in the planning stages. We are looking forward to having a chance to get together. Ray added that we aren't going to use the enclosed Tent and we will use open sided pop-ups instead. Bruce Gary asked what is Field Day? Ray said that Field Day is one of the big annual events for Ham Radio. As a Club we set up our Club equipment in a Field...and we make as many contacts as we can following the rules. It is a lot of fun. Mike Ritz

said it is an operating event which is focused on mentoring. It is a chance to learn. Randy said that [www.ARRL.org](http://www.ARRL.org) and search for Field Day. Anne added that Curt Green joined late, and he is usually very involved with Field Day. Curt said that he has the Purple Binder if anyone wants it with information from last year. Also, if you want to use the FT-2000 for Field Day...Curt can loan his microphone if needed. Dave mentioned that we might be headed back to Phase 2 due to our numbers in Snohomish County. So, we all need to stay tuned. Victor added that he carries a copy of his vaccination on his phone...He is not sure if anyone would come and check for vaccinations or if it is necessary. He wondered if we need verification of vaccination to attend. Ray said that at this point they are not requiring vaccinations for meetings up to 50 people. All things considered, we will self-regulate and follow the law...whatever those laws and rules are. If we cannot do Field Day safely and legally...we will not do it.

B. Thursday Evening Training Class (John N7AME) John wanted to remind people of Thursday Night trainings and he might bring up one of Jess' videos on Field Day...to give people an idea of what we do on Field Day.

C. Equipment for Sale (John N7AME) John has another Ham's equipment for sale. A lot of it is really old and the majority of it is put up on QRZ.com in the swap meet section. There are a bunch of components...which are not as easy to sell. If you are interested in components give John a call. His phone is in the Club Roster. He would be glad to show anyone who is interested in seeing the items in his garage. He has had his vaccination and his garage has good spacing. Ray said that we all really appreciate John's efforts in organizing these types of things.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55am. Moved by Anne K2MTN second by Dave KI7DPP, passed by vote.

Presentation: Mike Ritz W7VO (Director of ARRL Northwestern Division) presented a program on "Basics of N1MM Contesting Software".

Submitted by Anne Garay K2MTN  
SCHC Secretary