

Snohomish County Hams Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting

0900 January 22, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 0900 by the Kerry Burnette KC7YL. The recording was emailed by Kerry on January 22, 2022, at 5:14pm. Anne K2MTN can forward the email with the link if you contact her at Secretary@WA7LAW.org.

1. Welcome

- A. Zoom Etiquette and Protocols (Kerry KC7YL)
 - 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? Mark Stoops KK7CWI who is a brand-new member

3. Reports

A. Secretary's Report - Anne K2MTN announced that the minutes of the last meeting in November 2021 had been posted on the Club website December 16th. She requested approval of the posted minutes. A motion was made (by Roger Hoot KF7WVT) to accept the minutes as posted; It was seconded by (Tim Kephart KJ7AKV) and approved by vote. No questions.

B. Treasurer's report – Randy first shared the annual report. Income \$6,267.56 and Expenses \$4,465.54 with Net Income \$1,802.02.

Randy AJ7B announced that the monthly Treasurer's report had been posted on the Club website. He screen-shared the report. Income of \$803.51 and Expenses of \$1,202.79. Checking Account Balance of \$7,540.41, Repeater Maintenance Fd \$805.56, Repeater Endowment Fd \$18,167.78, General Investment FD \$759.09. 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 – We have not had any VE sessions. Club members are participating in Greater Lake Washington Hams Club testing online. And the turn-out is pretty good. If any VEs want to participate they are looking for more VEs and you can contact Randy if you are interested.

D. Education report – Jim Blake KD7JB was not on the call.

E. New Member Introduction – Anne K2MTN said there were six new members: Scott Adams AE8SA, Ryan Leland KJ7WAC, Gordon Sparks KK7CEA, John Palmer KI7VRN, Claudio Pacciarini KJ7BCF, and Mark Stoops KK7CWI.

- 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 37 members attending and one guest.
- G. Repeater Update
 - a. New Repeaters - Rob NR30 Echo Link is back online and seems to be working okay. If that is not the case, please contact Rob. When Wires-X was first online we were making use of equipment donated by Rob and it bore his callsign. A year and a half ago or two...we submitted to Yaesu to change that call sign to WA7LAW and they ignored us for a while...the hardware has been running on Rob's spare repeater. And, after our equipment was liberated (stolen from the repeater room) Rob submitted again to have the call sign updated and Yaesu did it. So, Wire-X is under WA7LAW now. Henry tested it and it is working. Rob is working on new security for our equipment to prevent future instances of it being liberated. So, that will be happening in the next few weeks.
 - b. Old Repeaters – Henry KH6VM

4. Old Business

- A. Net Control Operator (Kerry KC7YL) We are still looking for someone to add to the Net Control Operator rotation. We currently have 4 people sharing duties for Sunday. Being able to consistently hit the Repeater is a trait that is needed. If anyone has interest, we do have training and documentation. Let us know if you need more information.
- B. Arlington Boys & Girls Club (Kerry KC7YL) We have reserved a room at the Boys & Girls Club for the February Membership meeting. We will have to wait and see if an in-person meeting will work for February.
- C. Membership renewals for 2022 (Anne K2MTN) Please renew your membership for 2022 by U.S. Postal Service as soon as possible. The website "members only" section has a list of "2022 Paid Members" if you wish to check your status. You can email Anne at Secretary@WA7LAW.org if you have trouble checking.

5. New Business

- D. Ham of the Year (Kerry KC7YL and Dennis Bradford W7DEB) The Ham of the Year this year is Tim Kephart KJ7AKV. Congratulations! Kerry showed the trophy and Tim will receive a plaque to keep. Tim has served as a Board Member for several years. He presently serves as VP. He has coordinated and participated the 7QP in May and Field Day in June. He is a member of the VE Team. He is always enthusiastic. For example, for the Christmas Party he came early, helped in the kitchen, he helped clean up. Kerry also thanked Dennis Bradford for the nomination committee work. Dennis got on briefly and said congratulations to Tim. Randy said to make sure a picture is taken for the website for Ham of the Year.
- E. 7QP and Field Day Coordinators (Kerry KC7YL) We are looking for several people to share the job of Field Day Coordinators for 2022. And Tim pointed out that we also are looking for someone for 7QP. Tim said that there are many people in the Club who are willing to assist...So, don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone and take on one of these events.

- F. Membership Digital Payments (Randy AJ7B) No progress to report. But just a heads up that that is in the works.
- G. In Person Meeting Facilities (Michael AF7KB) Michael brought up that we have a long history of meeting at the hospital for free. If we want to get back to VE Testing, we really need to get a location that we can do that. The Boys & Girls Club is not ideal for VE Testing and the cost is prohibitive. We are grateful that we have the B&G, but we hope to find a better place that is hopefully free. We've checked Sno-Isle libraries, but they are not doing meeting rooms now. Kerry looked at the school district for options but are not in the business at this time. We would love it if members would look around at options and help us find a place that either costs nothing or very little and let us know what options you have found. Masons, Eagles, etc. etc. Government facilities big enough for 60-80 people. Let us know if you find a place that might work.
- H. Any other new Business? (Kerry KC7YL) Randy said that we should announce that Kenn Rich was appointed to the Board to replace Tim Kephart's Director #3 position since Tim is now VP. Victor told the group that for those who are active in SOTA but don't look at the website, there is migration to 146.56 which has more SOTA activity. Kerry also reminded the members about January 29th Winter Field Day.

6. The meeting was adjourned at about 9:35 am. Moved by Anne K2MTN second by Michael Burnette AF7KB passed by vote.

Presentation: "Mobile Installation" by Lynn Burlingame N7CFO. Lynn is an Extra Class amateur and has been licensed for over 40 years. He is the cofounder and former president of the Pacific Northwest VHF Society. He currently serves as the ARRL Western Washington Affiliated Club Coordinator and as an ARRL Northwestern Division Assistant Director. His other interests include collecting antique telegraph equipment. Lynn retired from Federal service in 2003.

Submitted by Anne Garay K2MTN
SCHC Secretary