

Snohomish County Hams Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting

0900 February 26, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 0900 by the Kerry Burnette KC7YL. The recording was emailed by Anne on February 26, 2022, at 8:18pm. 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? Gordon Sparks KK7CEA ...He got his license in November. He is setting up his Repeaters. He took his test at the Stanwood Ham Club in person.

3. Reports

- A. Secretary's Report - Anne K2MTN announced that the minutes of the last meeting in January were posted on the Club website February 23rd. 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 (Jason Hennig KJ7VAC) 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 \$580.07 and Expenses of \$148.39. Checking Account Balance of \$7,818.83, Repeater Maintenance Fd \$805.58, Repeater Endowment Fd \$17,109.86, General Investment FD \$759.09. No questions. A motion was made to accept the report as posted (by Anne K2MTN); it was seconded (by Roger Hoot KF7WVT) and approved by vote.
- C. VE Report – Randy Mather AJ7B no report
- D. Education report – Jim Blake KD7JB no report
- E. New Member Introduction – Anne K2MTN said there was one new member this month: Jason Rice KD9RYP. Anne mentioned that she will not be reading a list of the attendees today and so if anyone arrived late, they should privately message Anne in the chat to make sure we mark you down as attending. Attendance for the meeting was 33 members plus the speaker Lynn Burlingame N7CFO and Richard Paine who is joining.

F. Repeater Update

- a. New Repeaters -- Rob NR30 no report
- b. Old Repeaters -- Henry KH6VM We do have Wires X back up. The Board asked about enhancements we need this year for the Repeaters.

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. Investment Committee (Kerry KC7YL) We are also looking for a 3rd member for the Investment Committee. Michael Burnette told the group that this is not an onerous task that is going to take a bunch of time. We just need a responsible human being to keep an eye on our Club investments. Our Bylaws say that we need 3 people on that committee, and we have 2 people at the moment. Dr. Tom Hutchinson added that most of our investment is in S&P 500 ...like 90% and we have 10% in a utility bond. But the general intent is to let things ride and not move things around. This is a period of volatility due to the conflict in Europe. It is not a large amount of work and we do it all by emails. We would like someone who has a little bit of investment experience. Jim Blake volunteered to be on the committee.
- C. Membership renewals for 2022 (Anne K2MTN) Please renew your membership for 2022 by U.S. Postal Service as soon as possible. We hope to have an online option soon but currently the way to do it is to fill out and mail the form that was emailed out with your payment of \$20. 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. The password will be updated on March 1st. Only members who paid for 2022 will receive the new password email.
- D. Future Club Programs (Anne K2MTN) Contact Anne if you have a program you would like to share with the Club. We have a couple of months lined up, but we are always eager to see programs from our own members. They have been wonderful in the past. So, if you have a special part of the hobby that you love to do...we would love to have you come and share it with us. Michael Burnette added that if there is just a program you would want to see...you should also let us know. We had a great suggestion from Meg Engelter (thanks Meg!) to get together out in the parking lot and do some mobile installations.
- E. 7QP and Field Day (Kerry KC7YL) We are looking for 7QP and Field Day coordinators. This year we are hoping to have a small team because it is a big job. So, if you are interested in coordinating that or helping out, let us know.

5. New Business

- F. Club Meeting Location (Kerry KC7YL) We are looking for a Club meeting location in Snohomish County which doesn't charge rent, has a projector and large screen, and can hold 70-80 people ideally. The hospital is not going to allow us back in to using the conference room any time soon. And it is not economically viable to pay \$30-\$35 per hour for monthly meetings, VE testing, and Licensing Classes (coming soon). It just adds up to a

lot of hours and dollars which would eat into our reserves very quickly. So, if you know of a public meeting space where we could do our activities, please contact Kerry or the Board with that info as soon as possible.

- G. Any other new Business? (Kerry KC7YL) John VanDalen N7AME reminded us that Mic & Key is coming up March 12th. \$10 to get in. Members...Chris Wartes, Barry Hatch, and John N7AME will be there. Also, South Carolina QSO 20 meters is open.

6. The meeting was adjourned at about 9:35 am. Moved by Anne K2MTN second by Roger Hoot KF7WVT passed by vote.

Presentation: "Powerpole Connector Installation and Projects" 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