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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, May 12, 2023

Meeting Location: Skagit PUD, 1415 Freeway Dr, Mount Vernon, WA.

Officers present: Greg Wilterdink KF6QEO; Effie Sweeney W7EFE; Chris Davis KB7CX; Ric Merry K7ITE.

Officers absent: Mike Cregan N6HXT.

Total number of members in attendance: 19. Visitors: 3.

The meeting was opened by Greg Wilterdink KF6QEO at 1901 hrs. During introductions, Greg asked everyone to share how they power their individual radio stations.

Chris KB7CX advised that he did not attend the April general meeting and, in the absence of minutes from that April meeting, there was no secretary's report.

Effie W7EFE presented the Treasurer's report.

April 1, 2023:	\$8,303.55
Deposits:	\$38.93
Checks:	<u>\$276.39</u>
April 30, 2023:	\$8,066.09
Repeater Fund	\$2,004.34 <i>(This amount is included in bank total.)</i>

Chris KB7CX gave a website report. He updated the members about problems with some pages on our website where comments have been allowed. He disabled comments on most pages, but overlooked a couple of pages where SPAM messages have been posted. Hopefully, the option to post comments on pages has been eliminated. The online membership application form was used by several people to join as new members during the first quarter of this year.

Rich N7FDM advised that, since he is no longer the trustee for the club's Lyman Hill repeater, he would not be providing a report during the general meetings. Greg KF6QEO, who is the now the trustee, will assume this reporting role.

Old Business

There was a discussion of the upcoming Field Day, which will be at the end of June. Greg KF6QEO reminded everyone that John K7LVJ will not be available to spearhead our participation in Field Day this year. The club has a reservation to use space at River Front Park in Sedro Woolley. Possible antenna arrangements were discussed.

Chris KB7CX pointed out that much of Field Day operations involves clubs in competition for points for their operations during Field Day. He said that he does not operate during contests, but added that Field Day is a great opportunity for those who like to contest. Ric K7ITE said that points are also awarded for operational aspects other than for just making radio contacts.

The club's antenna equipment was discussed. It was decided that the club's antenna tower trailer will be put into service at Field Day. Greg KF6QEO asked for a volunteer to lead the club's Field Day event. There were no takers. Greg said he will table this discussion until the June meeting.

Gary KE7SPZ asked if a DEM MERV could be displayed at Field Day. This will be discussed further.

Jim K7AMF provided a briefing of food that will be provided by the club during Field Day. He said he will have drinking water available. A hot dog and/or hamburger barbecue will be provided on Saturday evening, with a potluck for side dishes. If the event continues to Sunday morning, breakfast will be provided as well.

New Business

None.

Greg KF6QEO provided a review of upcoming events.

The business meeting was adjourned at 1952 hours. The next meeting will be June 9, 2023, 1900 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Davis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chris Davis KB7CX
Secretary