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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, March 11, 2022

Meeting Location: Sedro Woolley Senior Center, 715 Pacific St., Sedro Woolley, WA.

Officers present: Mike Cregan N6HXT; Greg Wilterdink KF6QEO; Bob Ramborger K7JNV; Chris Davis KB7CX; Ric Merry K7ITE.

Officers absent: None.

Total number of members in attendance: 26

The meeting was opened by Mike N6HXT at 1902 hrs. The meeting agenda was not used during this meeting. All members present were given an opportunity to introduce themselves.

Mike provided an explanation for why candid photos were taken of some members during last month's meeting. There had been concern expressed about whether the photos would be posted on the Internet. Mike said the photos will not be posted on the Internet. He would like to have a name tag board that would be set up at our meeting location. The board would have name tags and photographs for each member on that board. Mike will take on the responsibility of setting up the name tag board.

There was a round table discussion about expertise that members possess. Mike asked for volunteers, who are willing to share their expertise with other members during presentations at the general meetings. A presenter has been scheduled for the April general meeting.

Mike asked for a volunteer from the membership to be responsible for providing coffee at general meetings.

Mike advised that the location in Mount Vernon, where the Club previously held in-person meetings, will again be available in the near future. He asked for input about whether the general meetings should be moved back to Mount Vernon when available. Some members have stated they believe the location in Sedro Woolley is too far to drive. Chris said that his driving time from Anacortes to Mount Vernon is 25 minutes and his driving time to Sedro Woolley is 35 minutes, which is not much farther. Mike has paid the Sedro Woolley Senior Center for several months of meetings in advance and would need to ask for a refund if we change the meeting location. One positive aspect of the Sedro Woolley Senior Center is that the meeting space is a large, open room. There is Internet access, but permission to use that access would need to be obtained from a Senior Center representative. The April general meeting will be held at Sedro Woolley Senior Center. No decision was made about the location of general meetings after April.

Bob K7JNV provided the Treasurer's report.

February 1 st 2022:	\$7,795.28
Deposits:	\$102.00
Checking+Fee	\$324.65
February 28, 2022:	\$7,572.63

Bob advised that all required forms have been submitted to the IRS for the Club's 501(c)(3) status. He has also submitted the required State forms along with a required \$20 fee. There were no questions about the Treasurer's report.

Mike talked about the possibility of using Zoom to augment future general meetings. A discussion on this topic ensued. An observation was made that Internet access would be required to use Zoom at a meeting. The Sedro Woolley Senior Center has Internet access and permission to use the Internet there would need to be obtained. No decision was made concerning this topic.

Mike asked Chris about the minutes from the February meeting. Chris advised that he posted the minutes on the Club's web site and, in the meeting reminder email, advised members they could review the minutes prior to this meeting. Most had not reviewed the minutes.

Mike suggested that a gear-swap table can be set up at the next general meeting. Members who want to participate should bring gear with them to the next meeting.

Mike told the members that he would like to see more club participation in DMR. He said that there are members in the club with DMR knowledge. Anyone needing assistance can contact him for a referral.

The meeting was closed at 2006 hours. The next meeting will be April 8, 2022, 1900 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,



Chris Davis KB7CX
Secretary