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### GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, April 8, 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: 23

The meeting was opened by Mike N6HXT at 1905 hrs. He greeted all those in attendance and previewed the presentation for today's meeting. The agenda was used by Mike as reference during this meeting.

Mike asked Chris KB7CX to present the minutes from the last meeting. Chris asked the members present if anyone wanted to review the minutes and no one responded. Mike said the minutes should be read in brief and he offered to do so. After Mike's review of the minutes, a motion and second were offered to accept the minutes from last month's meeting. The vote was unanimous to accept the minutes.

Mike asked Bob K7JNV to present the Treasurer's report.

March 1, 2022:	\$7,572.63
Deposits:	\$95.72
Checks:	\$35.33
Fee:	\$3.00
March 31, 2022:	\$7,630.02

Bob reported that, for this month, he paid \$20 to the State for our certification. The CPA filing for the club's 501(c)(3) with the IRS was done at no charge, courtesy of Bob's son. The club's liability insurance has also been paid in the amount of \$252.50.

Bob advised that the Stanwood Hamfest will be held soon. He asked if the membership want the club to host a table at that event. The cost of a table is \$30. The consensus was to go ahead with securing a table at Stanwood.

Bob gave an update about the proposed breakfast to be held between RASC and SARECC membership. So far, no suitable location for the breakfast has been found. A suggestion was made that perhaps we should do a lunch. Bob proposed that Bob's Burgers and Brew in Burlington might be a good location. However, we must reserve a meeting room in advance. Bob will check with the venue and determine availability.

### Old Business

Mike N6HXT asked the members to think about making themselves available to give presentations on subjects in which they have some knowledge.

Mike asked for input as to when the club should schedule a Bunny Hunt. Prior to the Bunny Hunt, it was agreed that a presentation about conducting a Bunny Hunt should be done first. A program on conducting a Bunny Hunt will be given during the May general meeting.

### New Business

Mike N6HXT asked for suggestions concerning what should be done with the club's tower, which is in need of maintenance. The first service provider that was contacted quoted a cost of \$137 per hour to sandblast the tower. The tower would need to be disassembled before the sandblasting. Chris KI7JOM offered to check with providers he knows in Whatcom County and he will report back with his findings. Chris is also doing research on the possibility of improving the base of the tower so that it can be extended to its full 80' height. He has the equipment to make this happen. Mike said this will be tabled and discussed again at a future meeting.

A question was posed to Mike about the status of the club generator. Jim K7AMF reported that the generator has been serviced and is now operational.

Ric K7ITE reminded everyone that Field Day is going to be June 25<sup>th</sup>. He has contacted the Burlington Parks & Rec Department. All locations under their control have been booked and are not available. John K7LVJ suggested that Riverside Park in Sedro Woolley might be a good location for our Field Day deployment. *(The park John referred to is actually know as Riverfront Park.)*

Mike interrupted the discussion to move on to the presentation by Sophie K7SFE about AMSAT.

Following Sophie's presentation, Ric K7ITE advised that he was just notified by the Skagit PUD that their building is now available for meetings. Mike and Ric will check into the possibility of moving the club meetings back to that venue. There was a short discussion about adding a Zoom broadcast to our in-person meetings. John K7LVJ will work on this.

John K7LVJ asked Mike to allow everyone in attendance to introduce themselves. In the process, Bob N7RAD told everyone about upcoming volunteer opportunities with the Skagit County DEM through ARES.

The meeting was closed at 2027 hours. The next meeting will be May 13, 2022, 1900 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Davis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "C" and "D".

Chris Davis KB7CX  
Secretary