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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, May 13, 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: 31

The meeting was opened by Mike N6HXT at 1904 hrs. He greeted all those in attendance and previewed the presentation for today's meeting.

Greg KF6QEO had no report for the membership.

Chris KB7CX read a summary of the minutes from the April General meeting.

Bob K7JNV presented the Treasurer's report.

April 1, 2022:	\$7,630.02
Deposits:	\$38.93
Checks:	\$282.50
Fee:	<u>\$3.00</u>
April 30, 2022:	\$7,383.45

A motion and second were offered to accept the April minutes and the treasurer's report. The vote was unanimous to accept the minutes and treasurer's report.

Chris KB7CX provided a website report. The website is operational with no issues. There is no longer an Upcoming Events category because that element was connected to a Google calendar provided by Ric K7ITE. The calendar page now lists all upcoming events. Chris asked for corrections or additions to be forwarded to him. Chris added that he is continuing to send welcome letters to newly licensed hams in Skagit County. During the past month, there were 4 new hams, who were sent letters of welcome.

Rich N7FDM reported that he is aware of no problems with the club's repeater.

Mike KG7MYX gave a report about ARES. The next in-person ARES meeting will be Friday, May 20th at 6:00 PM at the Skagit County DEM. Search and Rescue personnel will be in attendance to provide an overview of their operations, as they relate to emergency communications. There are some upcoming public service events. A triathlon is planned that would like to utilize ARES for communications. RAGNAR relay race has expressed interest in using ham radio for communications this year. The DEM has scheduled a 3-day training course for ICS 300.

Old Business

Chris KI7JOM provided an briefing about efforts to refurbish the club's antenna tower. He added a winch to the assembly to assist with the raising and lowering of the tower. Chris has new cable to install on the tower. Chris and Jim K7AMF discovered that the tower cannot be disassembled without compromising the tower's structure. Also, the cable pulleys are made of fiberglass and likely would not survive sandblasting. Chris' recommendation is to pressure wash the tower and then paint it. Mike N6HXT said this project would be tabled until the next meeting.

Mike N6HXT brought up for discussion the subject of moving the club's general meeting back to the Skagit County PUD building. A vote of the members present was taken and a majority indicated a desire to move the meetings back to the PUD building. Mike said he will contact the PUD and determine if it is feasible to hold the June general meeting at Skagit PUD.

New Business

Mike N6HXT welcomed the Sweeney family as new members.

Bob K7JNV provided a briefing on the upcoming luncheon at Bob's Burgers & Brew. He briefed the membership about the club's participation at the Stanwood Camano Hamfest on May 14th. He also provided a briefing about the 2022 SEA-PAC Convention.

Mike N6HXT advised that he has secured a reservation for the club to use the overflow area at Riverfront Park in Sedro Woolley for our participation in Field Day this year. Field Day will be June 25-26. Chris KB7CX recommended that the club should make arrangements for a sanitary unit to be provided there since there are no restrooms at the park. Jim K7AMF will not be attending Field Day this year, but he offered his barbecue equipment for use during our outing. Mike said he will work with Jim on getting that equipment.

A member shared that Chuck Barbo KF7PEI has passed away. There will be a Celebration of Life service for Chuck on Friday, June 24th, at Bethany Covenant Church in Mount Vernon.

Mike N6HXT provided a review of upcoming events.

The business meeting was adjourned at 1950 hours. The next meeting will be June 10, 2022, 1900 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,



Chris Davis KB7CX
Secretary