



## **RADIO AMATEURS OF SKAGIT COUNTY**

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### GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, July 8, 2022

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

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

Officers absent: Ric Merry K7ITE.

Total number of members in attendance: 21 in person; 6 attended via Zoom.

The meeting was opened by Mike N6HXT at 1900 hrs. He greeted all those in attendance and previewed the presentation for today's meeting. Everyone in attendance was given an opportunity to introduce themselves.

Mike welcomed new member Laura KJ7CMU.

Chris KB7CX provided a summary of the minutes from the June General meeting.

Mike N6HXT again brought up the issue of where our club should be holding our meetings. He said that both the Skagit PUD and Sedro Woolley Senior Center are available. He asked those present if Skagit PUD is the preferred meeting location. A majority of the members present voted to continue meeting at the Skagit PUD.

Bob K7JNV presented the Treasurer's report.

June 1, 2022:	\$7,481.45
Deposits:	\$800.00
Checks:	\$0.00
Fee:	<u>\$0.00</u>
June 30, 2022:	\$8,281.45

Bob added that he had some Field Day expenses that will be reflected on the treasurer's report in August.

Chris KB7CX provided a website report. The website is being updated regularly. Chris advised that the Calendar page has a current listing of upcoming events. The Field Day page has been updated with

photos from the club's Field Day outing. Bill KK7CTU praised the timely posting of Field Day photos on the website.

Mike N6HXT asked for a vote to accept the minutes and the treasurer's report. Both were accepted.

Rich N7FDM gave a repeater update. The club's repeater on 145.190 MHz is working well with no issues reported. He also maintains the 444.625 MHz repeater on Cultus Mountain and it is working with no issues.

Rich also provided a briefing about the repeaters that were recently decommissioned from Lyman Hill. Rich contacted Mike KG7MYX to check with Skagit County DEM to determine if the DEM would be interested in taking responsibility for the operation of the 224.860 MHz and 53.090 MHz repeaters. Rich said the 224.860 MHz repeater is being checked and will be activated on Cultus Mountain sometime this summer. It is possible that the 53.090 MHz might be activated on either Gold Mountain or Cougar Mountain. Mike KG7MYX asked about the status of the 444.500 MHz repeater and Rich advised he does not have any information about that repeater.

Rich explained that Day Wireless has drastically increased the monthly transmitter fee and this is the reason why the repeaters were removed from Lyman Hill. The 145.190 MHz and the DMR repeater on 441.950 MHz are being sponsored by the Skagit County DEM. He said there are a number of amateur repeaters that have been removed from DNR mountain top sites because of increased fees.

#### Old Business

John K7LVJ provided a briefing concerning the results of our club's participation in this year's Field Day. Mike N6HXT complimented Greg KF6QEO for his operation of the club's Field Day kitchen. Mike suggested that the club should consider using the same site at Riverfront Park next year for Field Day.

#### New Business

There was no new business.

Gary KE7SPZ reminded everyone of the recent passing of Ed Wirtz W7JGM.

Mike N6HXT provided a review of upcoming events.

Mike KG7MYX highlighted the participation of Bill KK7CTU during this past week's Ops 2 net. Bill operated the radio station at the DEM and it was his first experience talking on a radio.

The business meeting was adjourned at 1925 hours. The next meeting will be August 12, 2022, 1900 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,



Chris Davis KB7CX  
Secretary