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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, January 14, 2022

Meeting Location: Zoom

Officers present: Mike Cregan N6HXT, Bob Ramborger K7JNV, Chris Davis KB7CX.

Officers absent: Greg Wilterdink KF6QEO.

Total number of members in attendance: 21

The meeting was called to order by Chris KB7CX at 1904 hrs.

REPORTS

- President: Mike N6HXT told the members that his goal as the new president is to make the club an enjoyable experience and to grow the membership. He hopes that we can begin meeting in person for club meetings beginning in February. He encouraged the members to provide feedback to the new Board of Directors concerning the direction of the club. With input from the members, guest speakers with information that is of interest can be sought for club meetings. Some time ago, the club would schedule a brunch get-together once a month. Mike would like to start this type of activity again when possible. He reiterated that it is up to the members to let the Board know the direction the club should proceed.
- Vice-President: absent
- Secretary: Chris KB7CX
Minutes from the December 2021 meeting were discussed and approved by the membership.
- Treasurer: Bob K7JNV
Beginning balance December 1, 2021: \$7,283.62
Check: -\$25.00 To Grant Hopper, August meeting speaker
Check Fee: -\$3.00
Input from PayPal: \$132.51 (Dues)
Input from Checks: \$155.00 (Dues)
Input from Coffee Fund 2019: \$27.50
Ending balance December 31, 2021: \$7,570.63

- Website: Chris KB7CX reported that he is up to speed with doing updates to the club website. Members should contact Chris if anything on the website needs to be changed or updated. A question was asked about whether the website has changed at all. Chris advised that the website is the same as it has been. Chris has attempted to contact Mike Jordan, who currently controls the Wordpress account where the website is hosted and the club's domain name. As of yet, Mike has not responded. Chris will continue with attempts to contact Mike and arrange for the transfer of control of the website and domain to the current Board of Directors.
- Repeater: Rich N7FDM reported that some users have commented they've been hearing a lot of static on the club's Lyman Hill repeater. Others have told him that the repeater is working with no issues. He suggested that one reason for the static report might be due to the type of transceiver being used, as the repeater might be heard by a user, but the user may not have a strong enough transmission for clear communications. He also suggested that the recent cold spell our area experienced may be responsible for some of the reception problems.
- ARES: Mike KG7MYX reminded everyone of the upcoming ARES meeting to be held on Friday, January 21st, on Zoom. The speaker for the meeting will discuss RF exposure calculations as it pertains to FCC regulations.

OLD BUSINESS

- The search for a location to hold in-person meetings. Chris reported that Mike N6HXT has contacted the Sedro Woolley Senior Center concerning the use of their building for our club meetings. They have agreed to allow us to have our meetings there. The cost to the club is \$25 per meeting with a refundable \$100 security deposit. Chris provided the members present with a survey about whether the club should attempt in-person meetings again or continue meeting on Zoom. The results of the survey was that 71% would like in-person meetings and 29% preferred continuing to meet on Zoom. Considering these results, the February meeting will be scheduled to be held at the Sedro Woolley Senior Center.

NEW BUSINESS

- Chris reported that the Board discussed having the club send welcome letters to new hams in our area to introduce them to our club. Chris has already sent out 9 letters to new hams. He will check the FCC license database monthly and continue to send letters to any newly licensed hams in Skagit County.
- Bob K7JNV advised that the Board of Directors needs to appoint a Director at large to the Board. He said that anyone interested in serving in this capacity should contact one of the Board members.
- Rich N7FDM suggested that the club should attend an upcoming hamfest to be held in Stanwood. He will seek other members to assist him. Gary KE7SPZ volunteered to help.
- Rich N7FDM advised that the club's generator is in need of repair. Craig KC6FTI suggested contacting a service center such as Sebo's to determine what kind of repair is needed for the generator. Rich and Craig will collaborate to get this issue resolved.

The meeting was adjourned at 1945 hrs. The next meeting will be February 11, 2022, 1900 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Davis". The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent loop on the 'C' and a long tail on the 's'.

Chris Davis KB7CX
Secretary