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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, March 8, 2024

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

Officers present: Dan Hildebrand W7ILR; Raymond Ulrich N9RJU; Effie Sweeney W7EFE; Karen Hunter KK7KDA; Robert Ramborger K7JNV.

Officers absent: None.

Total number in attendance: 29 members, 1 guests

Dan W7ILR opened the meeting at 1900 hours and he asked everyone to introduce themselves.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dan W7ILR has secured a new location for Field Day, Allen Elementary Playing Field. We need to avoid the drain field. Roger K7NTW reported the shelters are no longer available, but Josh WA3WTF has reported he has a large military tent at the clubs disposal.

Dan W7ILR reports there will be two tables for the Stanwood swap for the club and he will have a third table if anyone would like to sell.

Secretary report: Karen KK7KDA provided a synopsis of the minutes from the February general meeting which were approved.

Treasurer's report: Effie W7EFE reports the taxes for last year have been filed.

February 1, 2024: Begin balance:	\$ 8284.53
Deposits:	\$ 460
Expense:	\$ 341.19
Fees:	\$ 6.22
February 29, 2024: End balance:	\$8397.12
Repeater Fund \$2,410 (This amount is included in the bank total.)	

Repeater: Greg Wilterdink KF6QEO reported the repeater is behaving itself.

OLD BUSINESS

The club directory is now open on the RASC website. Chris KB7CX reports any member who would like access needs to email him and the password is not to be shared.

Dan W7ILR reports RASC may be able to get a club dual fuel generator through the county via a grant.

Allen Elementary is the site for Field Day this year. It has a tree in the middle, plenty of parking, site for motor home. Dan W7ILR is working to possibly announce RASC Field Day on their reader board.

The club is working on restarting the supply committee to inventory club equipment at the various locations and possibly list on the club website. A request was made for current members of the supply committee. Rich N7FDM reports he knows nothing about the supplies but much of it is in his shop.

Request for those with knowledge to help resume Zoom meetings for those with difficulty with night driving. Dean KG6AKV reports that Shelley KE0TUG and Ron K7PAA have knowledge on hosting Zoom meetings. Dan W7ILR also would like to start a ride share list to assist with people coming to meetings. Net operator will start with taking information on the Monday night net before the meeting.

The raffle has been restarted. Ray N9RJU investigated the Gaming Commission and the board determined it was not an issue for the club to hold a members only raffle. Karen KK7KDA reported a letter was written to comply with notification to the police department but they did not want it.

Dan W7ILR is looking for help with the BE School District Tech fair in April.

Jim K7AMF discussed the needed repair of the repeater shack on Cultus Mountain. It will need to be leveled and supported with the porch rebuilt. The plan is to do an evaluation of the site the second week in June. Help is requested.

NEW BUSINESS

Dan W7ILR would like to plan a BBQ in June or July as a thank you to the long time members but will need to check with PUD regarding options for food at the facility.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ▶ RASC 2 Meter Net: every Monday evening at 7:00 PM on the Lyman Hill repeater, 145.190 MHz, tone 127.3 Hz.
- ▶ Skagit County ARES Meeting, March 15, 6:00 PM at Skagit County DEM, 2911 E College Way, Mount Vernon.

- ▶ RASC/SARECC Luncheon, Thursday, March 21, 11:30 AM at Bob's Burgers & Brew, 9394 Old Hwy 99 North Rd, Burlington.
- ▶ Next RASC Board meeting will be Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 5 PM.
- ▶ Next RASC General meeting will be Friday, April 12, 2024.

Raffle was held with Dan W7ILR winning a repeater book.

PROGRAM:

Todd Thompsen W7ATO presented a great discussion on POTA and SOTA.

The meeting was terminated 20:33.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'KH', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Karen Hunter KK7KDA
Secretary

Correction in italics 4/15/2024