# RADIO AMATEURS OF SKAGIT COUNTY

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# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES May 10, 2024

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

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

Officers absent: Effie Sweeney W7EFE.

Total number in attendance: 24 members, 3 guests

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

**Secretary report:** Karen KK7KDA provided a synopsis of the minutes from the March general meeting which were approved with one correction of Rich's call sign.

**Treasurer's report:** Ray N9RJU gave the treasurers report.

April 1, 2024: Begin balance: \$8293.67

Deposits: \$ 00 Expense: \$ 261.77 Fees: \$ 00

April 30, 2024: End balance: \$8031.90

Repeater Fund \$2,420 (This amount is included in the bank total.)

**Repeater:** Greg Wilterdink KF6QEO was not present for a report and no problems were identified.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dan W7ILR announced the raffle will not be held this month, but will plan a double raffle next month including the book donated by Michael Streba from ARRL and a keyer donated by putikeeg.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Insurance is now in place with ARRL policy that will take over on June 1, 2024 as the current policy expires May 31, 2024.

Report on the BE Tech fair noted there were mostly small children who liked all of the buttons. Chris KB7CX reported it was a good experience to set up and operate your gear portable. Dan W7ILR will investigate if there are options to engage an older group.

Reminder Stanwood swap in May 11. 2 tables for RASC have been requested and Dan has a table adjacent. Any club member can bring items and label with price.

New club flyer is in the works. The old club flyer is written in Microsoft Publisher and it cannot be opened. If anyone has an old copy, we would like to see a copy of the old flyer. Electronics Distributors would like flyers and it would be a good for PR and outreach.

Club Paraphernalia has been found. We are hoping to have stickers, patches and possibly shirts or vests with the club logo.

Generator will likely need to be purchased. Rob KG7HIZ reports that Snohomish County has an auction open only to non-profit organizations that may give access to a used generator.

Planning summer Pot Luck / BBQ likely in July at a park with the club providing hot dogs and everyone bringing a small side.

Repairs to the repeater shack on Cultus Mountain are needed. Reminder plan for an evaluation expedition second week in June

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Plans are in process for RASC  $50^{\text{th}}$  anniversary. Dan W7ILR asked regarding any original members. Dan is looking for ideas for celebration.

Dan W7ILR is looking for ideas to increase participation in the Monday night net.

#### **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.
- ► <u>Stanwood Camano Hamfest</u>: Saturday, May 11, 2024, 9:00 AM to 1:00
- PM, Stanwood Middle School, 9405 271st St NW, Stanwood, WA.
- ► RASC/SARECC Luncheon, Thursday, May 16, 11:30 AM at Bob's Burgers & Brew, 9394 Old Hwy 99 North Rd, Burlington
- ▶ Skagit County ACS Meeting, May 17, 6:00 PM at DEM Skagit County Department of Emergency Management,
   2911 E College Way, Mount Vernon, WA..
- ▶ Next RASC Board meeting will be Tuesday, June 11, 2024.
- ▶ Next RASC General meeting will be June 14, 2024.
- ► Field Day 2024: June 22-23, 2024, Allen Elementary School, 17145 Cook Rd, Bow, WA. Contact Dan W7ILR for more information.

### **PROGRAM:**

Rob McPeak KG7HIZ- Pacific Crest Trail presentation.

The meeting was terminated 20:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Hunter KK7KDA Secretary