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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Skagit PUD

July 12, 2024

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

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

Officers absent: Effie Sweeney W7EFE, Robert Ramborger K7JNV.

Total number in attendance: 25 members, 2 visitors.

Dan W7ILR opened the meeting at 19:00 and he asked everyone to introduce themselves.

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

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

June 1, 2024: Begin balance:	\$ 8231.90
Deposits:	\$ 460.00 (Swap meet; dues; raffle)
Expense:	\$ 615.95 (Field Day; Chris Davis gift card)
Fees:	\$ 1.85
June 30, 2024: End balance:	\$ 8074.10
Repeater Fund \$2,634 (This amount is included in the bank total.)	

VP Corner: Ray Ulrich N9RJU gave a presentation on an amateur radio related error license plate, K14FDT.

Repeater: Greg Wilterdink KF6QEO was not present but no difficulties were identified.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Field Day results include 412 contacts with CW and voice with a total of 1874 points. We contacted 49 of 50 states missing AK, working 15, 20 and 40 meters. Allen Elementary was a very good location with minimal interference.

Michael Sterba KG7HQ would like to continue his efforts as Vice Director for ARRL for NW division and needs to be nominated. He requests, without arm twisting, anyone who would like to support this effort to sign a nomination form.

Chris Skeels KI7FZF passed his Extra license exam last month. Congratulations!

OLD BUSINESS:

Dan would like reorganization the raffle so that if 50% of the value of the prize has not been sold in tickets to delay the raffle until the following month. This will also allow further announcement of the raffle on the meeting announcement, pre-meeting sales, and cash available for ticket sales at the meeting.

Discussion occurred of possibly combining a summer RASC Pot Luck/BBQ with SAREC. Their outing is planned for July 27 from 11-3 (lunch at 12) at Dean KG6AKV. He reports there is always room for more, bring your own chairs and table. Shelley will send a sign up list to Dan.

NEW BUSINESS:

Plans are moving ahead for RASC 50th; please send club related pictures, stories, paraphernalia to Dan.

It was noted at Field Day that education is needed for tower trailer deployment. Dan proposes an exercise for deployment. John has put a new winch on the trailer and continues with maintenance.

It is proposed to float the RASC luncheon around. TEPIC was suggested. No other suggestions were made.

Recommendations for SWAG were requested. Rich Rohweder N7FDM has information on previous SWAG samples and the company used to order. Patches and stickers have been suggested.

The brochure was discussed. Rob McPeak was able to open the file of the old brochure and the new one is in progress. Witt Whitford NX7Q mentioned one is available on ARRL which his wife modified and he has delivered to the electronics store.

Jim McCabe would like to restart the Region 1 monthly meeting and was looking for meeting space available on Saturdays. Nothing has been decided.

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.
- ▶ RASC/SARECC Luncheon, Thursday, July 18, 11:30 AM at

- Bob's Burgers & Brew, 9394 Old Hwy 99 North Rd, Burlingto
- ▶ Next RASC Board meeting will be Tuesday, August 6, 2024.
 - ▶ Next RASC General meeting will be August 9, 2024.
 - ▶ PNW DX Convention, August 9-11, 2024 at the Delta Hotel in Everett.
 - ▶ Salmon Run, September 21-22, 2024. A contest where everyone in the country is trying to work all of the counties in Washington

PROGRAM:

Paige Butler W0FLZ from SCARC gave a presentation on logging.

CLOSE OF BUSINESS MEETING

Dan closed the meeting at 20:15.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Karen Hunter KK7KDA
Secretary