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### **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Skagit PUD

August 9, 2024

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

Officers present: Dan Hildebrand W7ILR; Raymond Ulrich N9RJU; Karen Hunter W7CKT, Robert Ramborger K7JNV.

Officers absent: Effie Sweeney W7EFE.

Total number in attendance: 19 members, 1 visitor.

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

**Secretary report:** Karen W7CKT provided a synopsis of the minutes from the July general meeting which were approved.

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

July 1, 2024: Begin balance:	\$ 8074.10
Deposits:	\$ 20.00 Dues Paid
Expense:	\$ 0
Fees:	\$ 1.07
July31, 2024: End balance:	\$ 8093.03

Repeater Fund \$2,639 (This amount is included in the bank total.)

Both reports were passed.

**VP Corner:** Ray N9RJU presented a notice from a southern Texas amateur radio club, HAM Hijinks who advertised their Field Day event in a local newspaper. But the club did not actually want visitors to the event only the bonus points and the indoor amenities. The paper published the hotel, room number and cell phone of the member. The hotel and member were not pleased.

**Repeater:** Greg Wilterdink KF6QEO was not present. No one has heard from Greg after his surgery. Dan reports the same noise has been heard on the Lyman, Lookout and Connie (ops 3 check-in) had the same noise.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

We are pleased to announce RASC and SARECC will be planning more joint activities. Dan reports he is considering a liaison member from SARECC on the board for better communication.

RASC is sponsoring a plaque for the Salmon Run. This year RASC will be giving the top honor of high power out of state.

ACES (OregonACES.org) class is in Bellingham September 26 & 27 with limited availability, so sign up early. Dean KG6AKV reports that if the class does well, there may be one in Skagit county next year.

Dean KG6AKV is scheduling a Fox Hunt September 28 beginning at 9AM, Anacortes, specific location to be determined. Plan ahead get your equipment ready. All are invited.

Swinomish days this weekend. To participate you need your emergency workers card as well as be a certified flagger.

Jim K7AMF reports on Cultus. He would like to thank all who helped in June, the shack door now opens well. A 220 is now present on Cultus, after much evaluation and replacing the coax, it is working fine. It is 223.86 and 103.5. 625 is doing fine, 350 is doing fine. 900 is up and running. 6 meter died; Rich N7FDM has ideas on how to repair and parts are ordered but it will be awhile.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

RASC 50<sup>th</sup> scheduled 2026. Planning continues.

Reminder for members. If you sign up for an event and find you are unable to make the event, please notify others so adjustments can be made. (picnic)

Tower trailer deployment exercise planned. We would like more members to know how to deploy the tower in the event of an emergency. It is planned for Rotary Park, 821 S Section Street, Burlington. Date TBD

Floating RASC luncheon this month scheduled for TEPIC. Currently the plan is to rotate between Bob's and TEPIC. We are considering the possibility of floating to Anacortes. Recommendations were requested.

Brock KF7PEG from Anacortes will be helping with iron on patches. Stickers and vests are planned. Mr. T' will do hats for those who want them.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Rich N7FDM discussed the tower trailer and John's K7LVJ repair. It would be nice to have the trailer painted. Dan W7ILR said he would talk with his work regarding using the paint booth.

**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.
- ▶ Pacific NW DX convention, August 9-11, 2024 at Delta Hotel, 3105 Pine Street, Everett
- ▶ RASC/SARECC Luncheon, Thursday, August 15, 11:30 AM at Tepic, 150 Cascade Mall Drive, Burlington
- ▶ Next RASC Board meeting will be Tuesday, September 10, 2024.
- ▶ Next RASC General meeting will be September 13, 2024.
- ▶ Salmon Run, September 21-22, 2024.
- ▶ ACES (Oregon ACES) in Bellingham, September 26 & 27, 2024
- ▶ Fox Hunt September 28, 2024, Anacortes.

**PROGRAM:**

John Sullivan KG7WFQ from Dist 1 Hospital DMCC

**CLOSE OF BUSINESS MEETING**

Dan closed the meeting at 20:35.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Hunter W7CKT  
Secretary