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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES October 11, 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: 29 members, 6 guests

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

WELCOME: Dan Hildebrand W7ILR

INTRODUCTIONS: Dan Hildebrand W7ILR <Give everyone a chance to introduce themselves>

Michael Sterba KG7HQ presented information regarding ARRL elections and influences on NW Division. He answered questions and requested any concerns be emailed to KG7HQ@ARRL.net

REPORTS:

Secretary: Karen Hunter W7CKT read minutes from September meeting.

Treasurer: Ray N9TJU gave the treasurer report.

September 1, 2024: Begin balance:	\$ 8115.42
Deposits:	\$ 11.00 Raffle
Expense:	\$ 170.49 / Winch, Salmon Run/ Trailer tabs
Fees:	\$ 0

September 30, 2024: End balance: \$ 7955.93 Repeater Fund \$2,654 (This amount is included in the bank total.) Secretary and treasurer reports were passed.

Repeater: Greg Wilterdink KF6QEO reported the repeater is strong and loud.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dan gave the final result of the Salmon Run. Gabriel WN7JT, Chris KJ7FZF, John K7LVJ and Dan W7ILR ran phone and CW. Awaiting awards final tally. John thanked the crew for the effort.

There will be a change of the general meeting to the new PUD building beginning in January.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dean Becker KG6AKV foxhunt occurred on September 28. There were two participants and two foxes.

Nominations for officers of treasurer and secretary were requested for next year. No nominations occurred. Officer elections will be held at the November meeting.

Vests are planned for the club. If interested in a vest a signup sheet is in the back of the room.

NEW BUSINESS:

Club QSO cards are in process.

BESD and Sedro-Woolley would like a presentation on HAM radio. Dan requests anyone interested in helping let him know. BESD is still requesting participation in the tech fair. Also Sedro-Woolley Lions would like a presentation including CERT

Swinomish Prepper fair October 17, 2024 3-6PM @ Swinomish Community center.

RASC secretary files are in disarray. Organization and preservation would be a monumental task. What does the club want to do? A question of losing history was made. Jim K7AMF requested keeping at least information on the growth of the club. Rich reported Anita Jackson kept a scrap book for the club. It is unknown the

current location. Rich N7FDM has a list of the club officers since the beginning. Rich also mentioned the old newsletter called the STATIC.

Dan requested feedback on last year's Christmas party and a majority agreed it was satisfactory. The Christmas party is planned the same as last year at Royal Star Buffet on Freeway Drive. Last year per the minutes \$5 per person was the charge and it was requested to sign up ahead of time to attempt a head count.

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, October 17th at <u>Bob's Burgers &</u> <u>Brew, Burlington</u> at 11:30 AM.

- ► ACES (Oregon ACES) in Bellingham, October 26 & 27, 2024
- ▶ Next SARECC meeting will be Monday, November 4, 2024.
- ▶ Next RASC Board meeting will be Tuesday, November 5, 2024.
- ▶ Next RASC General meeting will be November 8, 2024.

PROGRAM:

Sea Cadets did a presentation on knot tying. Recommended a website <u>https://www.animatedknots.com</u>.

CLOSE OF BUSINESS MEETING

Dan closed the meeting at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Hunter W7CKT Secretary