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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

November 8, 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: 24 members, 1 guest

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 October general meeting.

Treasurer's report: Ray N9TJU gave the treasurer report.

October 1, 2024: Begin balance:	\$ 7955.93
Deposits:	\$ 30.00 (Dues)
Expense:	\$ 0
Fees:	\$ 1.85
October 31, 2024: End balance:	\$ 7984.08

Repeater Fund \$2,659 (This amount is included in the bank total.)

Secretary and treasurer reports were passed.

VP Corner: Ray N9RJU read a news report from ARRL regarding a rural Idaho emergency call on September 21, using frequency 146.52 for assistance in an quad accident resulting in rescue via helicopter demonstrating the importance of HAM radio.

Repeater: In Greg Wilterdink KF6QEO absence, Dan W7ILR gave a repeater report noting no significant problems. Jay Ham KI7LDQ reported a repair on the Lyman repeater by Jim Farrington K7AMF and Rob McPeak KG7HIZ after remote control was lost requiring reprogramming of the Raspberry Pi.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There will be a change of the general meeting to the new PUD building beginning in January if we are given the go that it is complete.

Dan W7ILR gave the final result of the Field Day. He reports RASC ended in the middle of the 2A pack.

Salmon Run final tally is not yet posted. We seemed to be the only low power club and expect at least one certificate coming. Thanks again to Gabriel WN7JT, Chris KJ7FZF, John K7LVJ and Dan W7ILR.

Dues for 2025 are due and will remain \$20 for the individual and \$30 for the family.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

BESD would like a presentation on HAM radio likely in February in preparation for Tech Day in March. Also, Dan W7ILR to do Sedro-Woolley presentation and is requesting help.

RASC next meeting will be the Christmas party is planned at Royal Star Buffet on Freeway Drive, December 13, 6:30. \$5 per person is the charge and it was requested to notify a board member ahead of time for a head count. OK to pay at the door.

NEW BUSINESS:

It has been suggested that we help a family through Salvation Army for Christmas. If you are interested in this project reach out to Dan at W7ILR@proton.me

Dan W7ILR thanked those people who actually reached out and discussed the possibility of serving. Other nominations were requested and none were submitted. The new board for next year is Dan Hildebrand W7ILR, President; Ray Ulrich N9RJU, Vice President, Rick Gilbert, Treasurer, Gabriel Donley WN7JT, Secretary, Bob Ramborger K7JNV, Director at Large.

John Bellinger K7LVJ reported that the combiner for the antenna for field day needs to be replaced. One was recommended from DX engineering for \$260. A vote was taken and agreed to proceed with the purchase.

Dean Becker reported the Region 1 meeting (ARES/ACES) will meet at the DEM at 10

Dean also reports a CERT class will be starting in January 14 -February 18 with testing planned in February 22. For further information contact skagitcocert@gmail.com

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, November 14 at Tepic in Burlington at 11:30 AM.
- ▶ Next RASC Board meeting will be Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at Haggen's in Mount Vernon.
- ▶ Next RASC Christmas Party will be December 13, 2024 at Royal Star Buffet on Freeway Drive.

PROGRAM:

Jay Ham KI7LDQ discussed SARECC's new IRLP node on Mt Erie, how IRLP works and how we can access it.

CLOSE OF BUSINESS MEETING

Dan closed the meeting at 8:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Karen Hunter W7CKT
Secretary

