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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, March 13, 2026

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

Officers present: Bob Ramborger K7JNV; John Bellinger K7LVJ; Chris Davis KB7CX; Rick Gilbert KG7JVB; Dan Hildebrand W7ILR.

Officers absent: None.

Total number in attendance: 24 members, 1 guest.

Rick KG7JVB opened the meeting at 1901 hrs and led everyone in reciting the pledge of allegiance. Everyone was given a chance to introduce themselves.

Rick asked for any announcements. Bob K7JNV advised that the March RASC Luncheon will be Friday, March 20th, 11:30 AM, at Bob's Burgers & Brew in Burlington.

Rick informed everyone about the SARECC General Class License course. The course will be two consecutive Saturdays, March 28th and April 4th in the Cypress meeting room at Island Hospital in Anacortes. The hours for the classes will be 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Contact Shelley KEØTUG or Bob KCØSO to sign up. Bob added that SARECC will host a Technician Class License course on April 11th and 18 at Shelter Bay. More information will be forthcoming.

Chris KB7CX provided a review of the minutes from the February meeting.

Rick KG7JVB presented the Treasurer's report. A copy of the treasurer's report is included at the end of this document. Rob KG7HIZ asked about the status of the club's repeater fund since maintenance of the N7GDE repeater will be transferred to the responsibility of the Skagit County DEM. Dan W7ILR advised that any donations made to maintain the repeater will be returned to the donor if requested. Funds in the repeater fund will be maintained for any future repeater expenses or for other club purposes.

Rick entertained a motion from the floor to accept the minutes and treasurer's report. Rich N7FDM made a motion and it was seconded by Bob K7JNV. The vote to approve both reports was unanimous.

Rob McPeak KG7HIZ provided a status report on the N7GDE repeater. There were no reports of operational issues concerning the repeater.

Old Business

Dan W7ILR provided a briefing about RASC attendance at the Stanwood / Camano Swap Meet in May. Our club will have 3 tables. We are allowed 3 helpers, one per table. Anyone who would like to volunteer for this event should contact Dan. Rick KG7JVB will contact SCARC to get our reservation.

Dan W7ILR advised that there is no update concerning the maintenance of the tower trailer. This is still a work in progress.

There was discussion about whether RASC should participate in this year's Field Day. Dan W7ILR advised that SARECC will not be joining us this year. Dan and Chris KB7CX talked about how there was limited participation from the membership last year. John K7LVJ advised that he would like to see our club participate in Field Day again this year. After further discussion, it was decided that we will operate for Field Day at Allen Elementary School as we did last year. Dan W7ILR will make the appropriate reservation with the school district to use the field at Allen Elementary School.

John K7LVJ asked about the status of RASC obtaining a new club call sign. Dan W7ILR had found that WR7ASC is available, but it would not be a good phone or CW call sign for contesting. Anyone with suggestions for a new call sign should contact one of the RASC board members.

New Business

There was no new business.

Rick KG7JVB provided a briefing about upcoming events. The business meeting was adjourned at 1932 hours. The next general meeting will be April 10, 2026, 1900 hrs.

Tracy K7UO gave a presentation about HFT (High Frequency Trading).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Davis".

Chris Davis KB7CX
Secretary

RASC Treasurer's Report for Feb 2026

2/1/2026	Begin balance	\$9,124.93	
	Deposits	\$156.07	Dues & Repeater Fund
	Expense	\$188.99	Tax Software, WA SOS, Meeting Expense
2/28/2026	End balance	\$9,092.01	
	Repeater Fund Balance (incl above)	\$4,735.72	