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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, June 12, 2026

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

Officers present: Chris Skeels KJ7FZF; John Bellinger K7LVJ; Chris Davis KB7CX; Dan Hildebrand W7ILR.

Officers absent: Rick Gilbert KG7JVB.

Total number in attendance: 18 members, 1 guest.

Chris KJ7FZF opened the meeting at 1900 hrs and led everyone in reciting the pledge of allegiance. Everyone was given a chance to introduce themselves.

For announcements, everyone welcomed Chris as our new president. The presentation for the July General Meeting will be Receiving Weather Information From GOES-18 by Chris KB7CX.

Chris KB7CX provided a review of the minutes from the May meeting. He also provided a reading of the treasurer's report. A vote was taken to approve the minutes and treasurer's report. The vote was unanimous to accept the reports. However, since there was not a quorum present, approval of the minutes and treasurer's report is deferred.

There was no report for the N7GDE repeater report.

Old Business

Dan W7ILR led a discussion about RASC participation in Field Day this year. From prior meetings, it seemed as though our club was not interested in fully participating in Field Day this year. The possibility of having a barbecue on Saturday, June 27th, to coincide with Field Day had been discussed previously. Dan outlined this option to those present.

Chris KB7CX talked briefly about the historic lack of participation from members. The lack of participation was the reason for possibly downsizing this year's Field Day.

After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that RASC will participate in Field Day for the entire weekend. Dan W7ILR advised that he is unable to be the lead person for Field Day. John K7LVJ volunteered to be the lead for Field Day this year.

John K7LVJ offered to bring radio gear so that anyone could operate if they would like. Dan advised that the club will buy hamburgers and hot dogs with fixings. Those attending are encouraged to bring a dish to share for Saturday evening. Refrigeration of potluck dishes should be considered by those who are contributing.

The call sign to be used for Field Day was discussed. It was decided that the club will use K7NTW this year. Dan advised that he will sign up RASC on the ARRL web site. Chris KB7CX will send out the notice the notice via the email list.

Jim K7AMF advised that he will have Starlink Internet active for our Field Day location.

David KB7CUW pointed out that activities like Field Day are important for attracting new hams. More field activities would also be beneficial to new hams looking to get exposure to equipment. He asked if RASC has a presence on Facebook. He said social media would be a good place to advertise. John K7LVJ said that he will contact Cathy KJ7POA to see if she can help with the social media outreach.

Chris KJ7FZF took a poll of those present inquiring how many people would bring radio gear to operate at Field Day. There was not a clear commitment. He said it would be beneficial to have radio gear set up so that someone who wants to try operating can have that opportunity.

Dan W7ILR suggested that we should operate without necessarily focusing on the contest aspect of the event. He talked about having 2 transmitters set up as the official club station. He will make an appropriate entry on the ARRL web site for the club.

New Business

Jim K7AMF advised that the 6 meter repeater is operational on Cultus Mountain. He pointed out that it would be a good repeater to work for Technicians. He said that the MARS repeater is also active on Cultus now, as well as a repeater on 223.86 MHz.

There was some brief discussion about the club having a presence at the Skagit County Fair and the upcoming Renaissance Fair. No decision was made for these events.

The business meeting was adjourned at 1952 hrs.

Tracy K7UO gave a brief presentation about new repeaters that are being activated in Island County.

Bob K7JNV advised that the RASC Luncheon will be Friday, June 19th, 11:30 AM at Bob's Burgers & Brew in Burlington.

The next General Meeting will be Friday, July 10, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Davis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chris Davis KB7CX
Secretary