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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, July 10, 2026

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

Officers present: Chris Skeels KJ7FZF; John Bellinger K7LVJ; Rick Gilbert KG7JVB; Chris Davis KB7CX; Dan Hildebrand W7ILR.

Officers absent: None.

Total number in attendance: 22 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.

Chris KB7CX made an announcement from someone who has a tower and beam antenna on her grandmother's house in Alger. She would like to have the tower and antenna removed from the house. She offered it at no charge to anyone who wants it. Chris provided contact information.

Chris KB7CX provided a review of the minutes from the June meeting. Rick KG7JVB provided the treasurer's report. Gary KE7SPZ made a motion to accept the minutes and treasurer's report for June. Bob K7JNV seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to accept both reports.

Dan W7ILR reported that the N7GDE repeater required a reboot recently. There have been no other operational problems.

Old Business

John K7LVJ gave a report on our Field Day event. The event was well attended. Jim K7AMF provided breakfast and dinner on Saturday, as well as breakfast on Sunday. The club's tower trailer was erected and a new club tent was used for the primary phone and CW station. Chris KJ7FZF set up a shelter and he operated the GOTA station. Although the number of on-the-air contacts was limited this year, everyone in attendance had a good time. Chris KJ7FZF added that there were several new hams who stopped by during our outing.

Dan W7ILR said that someone came to our field day after they had gone to the Mount Baker Radio Club field day and they did not feel welcomed there. It was good to make them feel welcomed at our event.

John K7LVJ advised that our club has two members who are the only two founding members still active with RASC; Doug KE7AV and Roger K7NTW. He was pleased that Roger's daughter was able to bring Roger to our field day event.

New Business

Dan W7ILR informed everyone that Roger K7NTW is in the process of moving to his daughter's residence in Ferndale. Once Roger is moved into his new location, a work party will be assembled to go to Roger's new residence and help him set up his station.

Dan advised that another member, Dwayne W7ABF, is in the process of moving in with his son. As soon as Dwayne is moved to his new residence, he will need assistance getting on the air from that location as well. An email will be sent out looking for volunteers to help.

Chris KJ7FZF said that we are hoping to get more participation from the members in club activities. He asked for suggestions about how to get more involvement. Following this month's board meeting, Chris KB7CX sent out a survey via the club's email list asking members to choose which day of the week would be preferred for our general meetings. Chris KB7CX reported that he received 23 responses. The results from the survey were as follows.

Monday – 27%

Tuesday – 36%

Wednesday – 45%

Thursday – 45%

Friday – 59%

Among the survey participants, Friday was the preference, so the general meetings will continue to be held on Fridays.

Dean KG6AKV asked about whether RASC has a brochure to advertise our club. Karen W7CKT advised that she has a tri-fold brochure. She will send the file to Chris KB7CX and he will make it available on the club's website.

Dan W7ILR suggested that our club should send out welcome and invitation letters to newly licensed hams. Chris KB7CX said that he will start sending letters to new hams on a monthly basis.

Bob K7JNV advised that the July Luncheon will be Friday, July 17th, 11:30 AM, at Bob's Burgers & Brew in Burlington.

Dan W7ILR gave some information about the Chehalis Valley Amateur Radio swap meet on Saturday, July 25th. See the RASC calendar page for more information.

Rich N7FDM reported that he brought the cover from the original N7GDE repeater to Field Day. The cover was signed by many members at that time. Rich said the club had a physical scrapbook from many years ago. He asked anyone with information about the status of the scrapbook to contact him.

The business meeting was adjourned at 1933 hrs.

Chris KB7CX gave a presentation about *Receiving GOES-18 Weather Satellite Data*.

The next General Meeting will be Friday, August 14, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Davis". The signature is fluid and stylized, with the first and last names clearly legible.

Chris Davis KB7CX
Secretary

RASC Treasurer's Report for Jun 2026

6/1/2026 Savi Begin balance	\$8,658.54	
Deposits	\$0.00	
Expense	\$172.25	Field Day Food
6/30/2026 Savi End balance	\$8,486.29	
6/1/2026 PayPal Begin Balance	\$0.00	
Deposits	\$6.46	Facebook Settlement Payout
6/30/2026 PayPal End Balance	\$6.46	
6/30/2026 TOTAL CASH BALANCE	\$8,492.75	
Repeater Fund Balance (incl above)	\$4,765.72	