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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, August 14, 2026

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

Officers present: Chris Skeels KJ7FZF; John Bellinger K7LVJ; Rick Gilbert KG7JBV; Chris Davis KB7CX; Dan Hildebrand W7ILR.

Officers absent: None.

Total number in attendance: 21 members, 1 member on Zoom, 2 guests.

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.

Jerry KI7SME gave a presentation on Aircraft Fun before the business meeting.

The business meeting was called to order at 2014 hrs. Chris KB7CX provided a review of the minutes from the July meeting. Whit NX7Q offered a correction concerning Dwayne's (W7ABF) new living arrangement. Dwayne's family will be moving into his house with him.

Rick KG7JBV provided the treasurer's report. Rick advised that the club will be opening a savings account and the amount in the repeater fund will be moved into the savings account to allow for better accounting of those funds. A vote to accept the minutes and treasurer's report was called without a motion or second. The vote was unanimous to accept both reports.

Dan W7ILR reported on the status of both the N7GDE repeater and the KF7CFR DMR repeater. Recently, a work party was assembled consisting of Dan, Rob KG7HIZ, Brian Greer from the DEM and Mike Vos from County Communications. They traveled to the Lyman Hill mountain top site. There was a problem with the Internet connection on the DMR repeater. That problem was corrected and KF7CFR is now back on the air. The power connections for the repeater power supplies were also repaired and all connections were tightened at the radios. A visual inspection of the feed line for N7GDE to the antenna on the tower showed signs that the feed line should be replaced. Mike Vos also advised that the County will pay for lightning arresters for both repeaters as those items are not currently present. Dan said that another trip to Lyman Hill is planned for sometime during the next 1 to 2 weeks to make further repairs.

Dan advised that Rob KG7HIZ is still the trustee for the N7GDE repeater. Rich N7FDM questioned about the term for the position of trustee and he asked if it is for 2 years. Dan confirmed the term is supposed to be for 2 years. Currently, Rob has held the position of trustee for about 6 years.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Chris KJ7FZF spoke about the RASC Monday night net on the N7GDE repeater. He encouraged members to volunteer to act as net control for the net. He said it is a good way to get some experience at running an on-air net.

Chris KJ7FZF provided information about upcoming events, including the RASC August Luncheon will be on Thursday, August 20th at 11:30 AM at Bob's Burgers & Brew in Burlington. This day change from Fridays is for this month only because of restaurant scheduling issues.

Dean KG6AKV advised there will be a CERT class beginning on October 6th, 6:30-9:30 PM at Skyline Beach Club, Anacortes. Anyone interested should contact Dean for more information.

Rich N7FDM talked about the Buy-Sell-Trade page on the RASC website. He said there are several items for sale on the site and anyone interested in equipment should check for what is available. Rich also provided a reminder that RASC has a Anderson Power Pole kit that is available for check-out to the members. If you are interested, contact Rich.

Bob KCØSO advised that SARECC is planning classes for Technician and General Class licenses beginning September 26th. More information will be forthcoming.

The business meeting was adjourned at 2034 hrs.

The next General Meeting will be Friday, September 11, 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

RASC Treasurer's Report for Jul 2026

7/1/2026 Begin balance	\$8,486.29	
Deposits	\$1,236.46	Stanwood Hamfest, Field Day donations
Expense	\$204.20	Field Day expense, Meeting snacks
7/31/2026 End balance	\$9,518.55	
Repeater Fund Balance (incl above)	\$4,765.72	