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August 26, 2017 Club Meeting

President Nelson Spohnheimer W7KVI presided over the meeting and the meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM with a Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held at Firehouse 29 in Burien, WA.

Attendance: 17 present

- Names present on file.

Greetings/Around the room:

- A roll call was made and attendees introduced themselves by name and call sign if applicable.

General Discussion:

- President Nelson Spohnheimer W7KVI presented the meeting agenda using the club projector which was focused on the white board at the front of the room. We noted that Trustee Jim Warren AE7VR is leaving the area and is therefore resigning as a trustee. George Hoffman W7POE quoted the club's policy on filling such a vacancy stating the president is authorized to appoint a replacement for the remainder of the term.
- President Nelson Spohnheimer W7KVI then discussed the inventory of antenna related items at Dennis Rainer's QTH which includes 60 ft of Rohn 35 which is lying on the ground and appears to be in good condition. There are two standing towers; one has a damaged beam at the top. In addition there is a telescoping pole. Nelson had just visited Dennis' QTH to survey the items.
- President Nelson Spohnheimer W7KVI made the EComm report and discussed Zombiefest which is scheduled for Saturday Sept 16 at 2 pm in Normandy Park Town Center. Jim Monson K7JGM is the focal for HARC support to Zombiefest and he is soliciting volunteers to help with setup and the staffing of the booth. Kathleen Quong-Vermeire KF7TTG volunteered to help since she is a resident of

Normandy Park. Secretary Brian Stapleton W7DFO announced that there will be a 5th Sat drill on Sept 30th. Ken Higgins KE7GOW is the lead for this activity.

- George Hoffman W7POE made the contest calendar report for upcoming events including the Salmon Run which is actually the WA state QSO Party on Sept 16 & 17. George also gave the propagation report and he then showed showed the WSPR report noting a spike in activity for August 21 which was the date of the solar eclipse.
- Secretary Brian Stapleton W7DFO made the report on the planned move to FS28 after the move committee met with Chief Mike Marrs on Aug 24. Mike is in favor of our meeting at FS 28 and wants us to be *autonomous* there. Mike sees no potential conflicts for the use of the room on the 4th Saturdays of each month. We will have use of the large meeting room and a small adjacent storage room. Therefore HARC plans to hold all future meetings at FS 28 which is located at 900 SW 146th in Burien.
- President Nelson Spohnheimer W7KVI presented the club property document to the general membership and stepped thru it showing slides of the methods that will be used to dispose of club property. The auction committee will revisit their actions now that we have a property document in place. We need to get an inventory of club items. Bill Harris W7KXB is the chairman for this committee. Tony Alix KA7CYY and Earl Palmer N7EP serve on Bill's committee but Earl indicated that he is a snow bird and cannot serve for several winter months. Treasurer Duane Gibb KF7ZMZ offered to take Earl's place.
- We then discussed the solar eclipse since several club members were involved in activities that day. Vice President Larry Shirk AA7UA showed pictures of his telescope setup at eh Des Moines Community Center that morning. President Nelson Spohnheimer W7KVI showed pictures taken near Bend, OR which was near total coverage that day. Secretary Brian Stapleton W7DFO indicated he was active on SSB, FT8 and psk31 modes that morning making a number of HF contacts.
- Under the *show & tell* umbrella Secretary Brian Stapleton W7DFO discussed his recent use of the new digital mode FT8 which he got up and running two weeks prior to the meeting. This is the latest mode in the Joe Taylor WSJT software suite and somewhat similar to JT65 but requires only a 15 second xmit sequence compared with a minute time interval for JT65. FT8 was intended for 6 meter sporadic *E* contacts but it is now very popular on the HF bands. President

Nelson Spohnheimer W7KVI provided a few few screen capture shots of the FT8 screen to aid in the explanation.

Adjourn:

President Nelson Spohnheimer W7KVI adjourned the meeting at 11:45 AM.

Activities/Announcements/Presentations:

The program became the slides and a video of the solar eclipse provided by Treasurer Daune Gibb KF7ZMZ since he went to St Anthony, ID which was in totality. The originally scheduled program was to be on *decibels and what they mean* but there was such a high degree of interest in the solar eclipse that this program will be presented at some point in the future.

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Minutes provided by Brian Stapleton W7DFO, HARC Secretary on Sept 5, 2017

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