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## Oct 28, 2017 Club Meeting

Vice President Larry Shirk AA7UA 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 28 in Burien, WA.

### Attendance: 20 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:

- Bill Harris W7KXB explained the silent auction procedure as boxes of auction items were distributed around the room at the back and sides. Bill also announced the plan for the HARC Christmas dinner party which is now going forward. It will be at Mitzels in Kent on Dec 14th. He noted the actual room will be on the second floor at the Ramada Inn which is actually adjacent to Mitzels.
- Trustee Ken Higgins KE7GOW made the EMComm report emphasizing the recent 5th Saturday exercise. Ken then explained the use of tactical call signs. The next 5th Saturday drill will be in late December. This topic was further enhanced by Jim Monson K7JGM who supported the idea of a merger between STAR and HARC. Jim noted that EMComm is morphing. Jim also recommended that the call sign (WA7ST) of the 70 cm be retained to show a historical thread. The motion to merge HARC and STAR passed a general membership vote. Obviously more work needs to be accomplished in the future on this topic. However, at present it appears that HARC will become the owner of the 70 cm STAR repeater.

- Vice President Larry Shirk AA7UA showed a slide recognizing the effort put forth by Bill Harris W7KXB and Koda Mondragon KI7IXR to develop a plan for the HARC Christmas party. The same slide thanked Harry Minges W7DNK for his work with the cub scouts on the recent JOTA weekend.
- George Hoffman W7POE made the contest calendar report for upcoming events including ARRL CW Sweepstakes which will take place on Nov 4 & 5. George also gave the propagation report. The phone sweepstakes is scheduled for Nov 19 & 20.
- Treasurer Duane Gibb KF7ZMZ made the Oct treasurer's report which was projected for all to see.
- Secretary Brian Stapleton W7DFO made a presentation on the DOD to amateur radio interoperability exercise which is scheduled for Nov 4 & 5 using the 60 meter assigned channels. Brian postulated that interoperability was in the long term plan when amateurs received permission to use 60 meters. Brian noted his inability to get feedback from the FCC on interoperability. This topic was supplemented by input from Bob Cline N7CVW who was visiting from Pacific County, WA. Bob is actively engaged in EMComm in Pacific County.

### **Adjourn:**

Vice President Larry Shirk AA7UA adjourned the meeting at 11:28 AM.

### **Activities/Announcements/Presentations:**

The program was an on line video giving an overview introduction to the Winlink system. HARC members had requested more presentations on digital communication techniques. Winlink is being promoted for EMComm work due to its use of e-mail formats.

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Minutes provided by Brian Stapleton W7DFO, HARC Secretary on Nov 8, 2017

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