



**MINUTES OF MEETING: AUGUST 9, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 11:48 AM by Scott, W7SLM in the training room at Mullis Fire Station

Scott skipped introductions today since he didn't see anybody new.

**ATTENDEES:**

Peter WA7FUS	Dave K9MRQ	Hoop K9QJS	Paul N7TZW
ED KD7TUN	Alan KJ7BFC	Brian K7BLS	Kent KF7VDD
Bob K7NHE	Scott W7SLM	Mike N7TLL	Basil N7NIX
Steve N8GNJ	Monte N7TAU	Robin KJ7BFD	Bryan K7UDR
Kenny KU7M	Dan N6AU	Larry NM7A	Budd WB7FHC

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of the August meeting were approved as posted on the web site.

**Announcements:** Dan, N6AU announced that Mark Dawber, N6CSM has moved to his new home at Panorama City in Lacy. Dan passed around a card for us to sign to wish him well.

**Officer's reports:**

Prior to the President's report Scott asked about the memorial service for Dick and Sue Rich. Dan said that he went and Dave said that the date and venue were chosen was that would have been their 62nd wedding anniversary and their 50<sup>th</sup> had been in the same location.

• **President's report:**

- Scott said that he had just read about the new mode FT4 having been recently added to Joe Taylor's WSJT-X suite of modes/applications. He gathered that it is a sort of contest oriented mode. It is faster than FT8 and may not be as sensitive for weak signals.
- ARRL just had their July board meeting. The hot issues were digital transmission rates and transparency for monitoring.
- There's a new 2.5 minute ARRL video called What is Amateur Radio. He found it sort of slow moving but had it with him to show if we wanted to see it.

**Secretary's report:**

Peter said that he had contacted Mr T's Awards and Embroidery, our badge supplier, and confirmed that we can add our club name to our badges when they are made either instead of or in addition to our QTH. Peter will post contact information for Mr. T's on our web site.

• **Treasurer's report:**

Dani emailed the report to us. The treasury balance is \$5180.76. Bryan reminded folks to subscribe on the home page to be emailed announcements of new posts to our web site since we are not allowed to simply add members to the list as it would be viewed as spam.

• **Committee Reports**

- **Elections:** Scott simply mentioned that club elections are coming in December. There is a place in the agenda for the elections committee when they want to use it.
- **EMCOM:** Hoop reported that Island Rec had again this year requested our support for their 8K Fun Run on Saturday, August 17th. Hoop recruited volunteer communicators.

• **Repeaters**

- Scott asked for a report on the status of the club's Yaesu DRX-1 repeater and our EchoLink node. Bryan indicated there was nothing new to report on either one. Bryan then indicated that he has a bunch of 2 channel Motorola VHF radios which he could make available to members.
- Ed will test the repeater batteries.
- Dave reported on the DSTAR repeater.

- **Calendar** -[SJCARS](#)

- July, and August meetings will be at Mullis Fire Station
- Saturday September 14 – Lopez Picnic
- October and November meetings will be at Mullis Fire Station
- Our Christmas Holiday Feast and election meeting will be on Saturday December 14 at Mullis Fire Station.

### ***External Calendar***

Both our internal and external calendar in the files section of SJCARS groups.io  
Upcoming ham radio activities include ILLW, Digital Radio Summer Gathering, Salmon Run WA QSO Party, and more.

- **Old Business**

- The new ARRL banner was briefly discussed again with no action proposed.
  - Hoop reported that he and Mike N7TLL, and Alan KJ7BFC attended the Pioneer BBQ which Jim Perez KE7GAB puts on annually for the local LDS church. Jim asked that amateur radio be demonstrated those the members. Mike brought an HF radio which he set up and made contact with a friend of his in Alabama. Hoop said there was lots of interest in amateur radio communications.
- ILLW – International Lighthouse and Light Ship Weekend
  - Larry, Scott and Greg are operating for the weekend from Patos Island and will also be the docents there for the weekend.
  - Ed, Mike and Hoop will operate on Sunday from Lime Kiln Lighthouse on Sunday.
  - Dan will operate from Cattle Point on Sunday.

- **Presentations**

- **Kenny – HamWan installation on Lookout Mt.**

Kenny reported that early in August he assisted as one of the tower climbers with the installation of a major HamWan node on Lookout Mt, southeast of Bellingham. You can see the map showing predicted coverage posted on our SJCARS web page. He said that the installation team and support workers spent all day there. They will return in September to optimize sector antennas which will make possible, connectivity from places shown in red on the posted map including eastern San Juan County.

Kenny also updated us on other HamWan related projects. It is predicted that it will be possible to connect the SJC EOC at Mullis Fire Station to HamWan via a client node installation adjacent to the Friday Harbor Airport. Watch for updates.

- **Steve, N8GNJ – AMPRnet Updates**

Steve told us about some of the history and background on a block of about 16 million IP addresses which have been reserved, since the early 1980's for amateur radio networking activities. They are referred to as AMPRnet or Net44. These addresses all begin with the number 44. Management and allocation of these addresses to amateur radio groups and projects around the world has been shared by many through the years. Officially, the responsibility for "ownership" and management is assigned to the non-profit corporation, Amateur Radio Digital Communications (ARDC).

ARDC recently sold approximately a quarter of the approximately 16 million address in the 44 block to a large corporation for the reported amount of about \$50 million. It appears that they intend to invest the proceeds to fund grants to nonprofit amateur radio groups in support of the advancement of amateur radio communications. Here is more information about [ARDC](#) by following this link.

- **Stories from your shack:**

- Bob K7NHE told us that he and Mike activated a Collins S Line last week without "letting out the smoke". They make contact on first call.

- Budd told us that while he and your secretary were having breakfast this morning that he received a phone call from his sister who lives at Cape San Juan telling him that she found his mother's and his father's call sign license plates for him to have. His parents were W7RXS and W7RXT. She brought them to Budd at Mullis before the meeting and he showed them to us. He will hang them in his ham shack.

- Steve N8GNJ told us that he just purchased a DMR HT in anticipation of a new DMR repeater which will be installed soon on Sehome Hill adjacent to the Western Washington University campus.

- Scott asked Ed about the testing of the small propane generator. Ed said that he has not been able to run the extensive tests yet.
- Basil said that he built a 2m/70cm inexpensive antenna designed by Ed.
- Bob said that he will be operating from UK and from Germany for the next 6 weeks.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15

**Respectfully submitted by: Peter Dahl, Recording Secretary (additions, corrections or comments to Peter Dahl**

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**The next club meeting will be our annual  
Lopez Island Picnic on Saturday September 14.**