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NEXT MEETING:
7:30 pm Thursday
Nov. 21, 1996
Puget Auditorium

Greetings once again. Just like the proverbial bad penny, here I come again to haunt you. We had a very nice (albeit exhausting) trip to Europe this fall, and I no doubt had a lot more fun there than sitting here passing By-Laws amendments. I am deeply indebted to Tom Grotte WB7TEJ for his invaluable assistance in covering for me in my absence. It makes my job a great deal easier at this point.

In reading through the minutes of the last two meetings, I gather that I missed two very good programs by our own members, so it sounds like all was proceeding well. The By-Laws issue has been resolved, so that the main item left for this year is the proposed budget for 1997, found elsewhere in this issue.

For those who might be interested in sending items to me in the future (and I would welcome them), you can reach me on e-mail at arzetta@aol.com.

My thanks once again to Tom (and any other "mice") that played so effectively while the "cat" was away!

THE PREZ SEZ Come to the meeting in November so we can get the budget out of the way. We need a quorum, but would like everyone to be there.

Louise and Jerry (WA7BUY) Sampont have graciously volunteered again to host our annual Christmas potluck/meeting at their home, Dec. 14 at 6:00pm. The address is 11211 N.E. 100th St., Kirkland. It ain't much of a meeting, but it's very nice party and a good chance to get to know each other. Get it on your calendar!
Al N7VOF

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning balance 10-1-96		\$1337.82
Deposits		\$0000.00
Expenses		(\$0233.41)
Field Day	\$113.96	
Sec. of State	\$ 10.00	
Printing	\$ 10.82	
Programs	\$ 51.00	
Refreshments	\$ 47.63	
Balance on 10-31-96		\$1104.41

Respectfully Submitted
Chaz Hitz N7NNS Treasurer

Summary of Nov. 7 Board meeting

The Board meeting was primarily taken up with formulation of the 1997 budget, as directed by the recently amended By-Laws. Due to absence of the Treasurer, a final proposal was not drawn up, but will be put together by the Secretary once input from the Treasurer is obtained. This will then be circulated by e-mail or phone to the other Board members until agreement is reached. The final proposal will then be circulated in SPARKS.

Other matters discussed were potential club activities for the coming year, and possible participation in a fund at ARRL to defend VHF/UHF amateur frequencies (no action at club level will be taken at this time.)

Public Service Opportunities

EARS (Eastside Amateur Radio Service)--interested parties contact John Black W7HIL 746-7611 or Chuck Stroehner WA7EBH 393-5303. Always room for more help in this community activity.

At the November 21 meeting, the program has been arranged by Jerry Sampont WA7BUY and features a talk on antenna tuners by Pat Buller W7RQT, an engineer for the WSP. Should be a good talk on basic radio principles.

Proposed budget for 1997

	1996	1997
Corporation fee	10.00	10.00
Insurance	260.00	350.00
Programs	50.00	50.00
Field Day	50.00	50.00
Equipment purchase	100.00	100.00
Trailer expense	300.00	100.00
Misc. supplies	30.00	30.00
Newsletter (postage)	250.00	200.00 (postage and printing)
(printing)	20.00	
Refreshments	000.00	100.00
Total expenses	<u>1070.00</u>	<u>990.00</u>
Dues	500.00	472.00
Equipment sales	250.00	250.00
Trailer income	150.00	000.00
Total income	<u>900.00</u>	<u>722.00</u>

Minutes of the October 17, 1996 general meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Al Staples N7VOF. Twelve members were present, more than a quorum. Those present introduced themselves.

President Al introduced the main business of the meeting which was to ask approval of the proposed new By-Laws, and approve an extension of the term of the present officers until next June 30, to meet the conditions of the

new By-Laws. He called upon Tom Grotte WB7TEJ to present motions for both votes.

Grotte explained that the first motion would be to extend the term of office, but conditional on passing of the second motion, the approval of the new By-Laws. Grotte made the first motion which read as follows: "Recognizing that we are about to make a motion to accept new By-Laws for PARS, I move that, if we accept the new By-Laws, we simultaneously extend the present term of office of our officers and Board members until June 20, 1997. If we do not approve the new By-Laws, the motion will become void."

The motion was seconded by Jerry Sampont. Bill Bingham then asked the reason for making these changes. Grotte provided a summary mentioning the better continuity provided by the change of officers in mid-summer, the Board of Directors taking over the duty of budgeting and moving the approval of the new budget from December to November. No other discussion was requested. The vote was called and approval was unanimous.

Grotte then presented the second motion which read as follows: "I move that we approve the new By-Laws which were proposed and discussed at the September meeting, and copies of which were mailed to all active members more than 20 days ago. If approved the new By-Laws shall become effective immediately. Bob Adams seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The vote was called and approval was unanimous.

Grotte then mentioned that to satisfy the new By-Laws, the Board should meet before the middle of November to plan a 1997 budget which can be presented to the members along with the November SPARKS. The proposed budget can then be discussed as necessary and voted on at the November meeting. This will leave the December meeting free of all business and can be devoted to a party. Grotte also mentioned that the new By-Laws need to be modified to provide a statement in recognition of the trailer agreement and to possibly re-word the portion about the procedure for modification of the By-Laws.

President A1 asked for some discussion about the ARRL request for donations to defend our 2 meter and 70 centimeter bands. Should the club make a donation from its funds? Members should think about it and prepare to make a decision at the November meeting.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned. Following the social time, Jim Hossack W7LS provided a summary of the ham support of a trailbike event near Olympia where emergencies were experienced. Stuart Whiting KB7UUX was also a participant at the event. Stuart then summarized his experience at an ARRL computer data convention, most of which was beyond my comprehension.

Submitted by Tom Grotte, temporary PARS Secretary

A new feature begins this month. We will publish a list of birthdays occurring during the month, as identified in the Buckmaster ICALL program. I hope I haven't overlooked any of our members, but let me know if I miss anyone or get a wrong month. I won't publish ages or dates. November birthdays

Mel Carlson W7KDZ

Bill Herzberg AA7PI

Joyce Stroeher N7JPW

Jim Von Seggern KC7FEH

FOR SALE Tower, Rohn 25G 70' with anchors and guys, good condition

\$350 Antenna TH7DXX with rotor, excellent condition \$350

Contact Chuck Graff K7CHV at 392-5846, leave message if not home.

· Lastly, but certainly not "leastly", we must take note of the recent move of Ben Bennett N71VM to Olympia, to be closer to his family. While we understand the reason, we will be a bit the poorer for his absence. Ben, we hope that you will be able to join us from time to time anyway. Good luck to you!

And with that, I'll bring another issue to a close. Ah, but it's good to be back in the middle of it all. I look forward to seeing you at the next general meeting on Nov. 21. Again, my sincere thanks to all who covered

--for me the past two months.

73 Jim KC7FEH