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NEXT MEETING:

7:30 pm Thursday

JUNE 15, 1997

Puget Auditorium

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I am doing this issue of SPARKS early, because I will be gone all of June. The main event coming up is, of course, Field Day, and I hope that many of you can get down to the park and partake. We will again be at the Northeast corner of the Bellevue Downtown Park, facing on to 4th Ave. N.E. Bob Adams, KJ7BP, who was doing the leg work for us has been held on to a contract job longer than expected, so Tom Grotte WB7TEJ has taken care of the final arrangements with the city, and also arranged to have the trailer towed down there. Thanks to Tom for jumping in.

My e-mail address will still work while I'm gone, but I won't be able to answer until July. I wouldn't mind having a stack of e-mail to go through when I get back, however, so don't be bashful.

THE PREZ SEZ

Outgoing President Al Staples N7VOF doesn't have any great words of wisdom, according to a recent conversation by phone. In-coming President Lori Graff N7LC0 would like to start Board meetings in August just before we resume after the summer break.

No treasurers report is available at press time, primarily because I'm doing this early, and I forgot to warn Chaz. I suspect, however, that there is still some cash in the bank.

The next general meeting will be Thursday June 19 at 7:30. The program is scheduled to be a talk by Suzi Crickmore, a supervisor at the Bellevue 911 center, on 911 operations.

Public Service Opportunities

EARS (Eastside Amateur Radio Service)--interested parties contact John Black W7HIL 746-7611 or Chuck Stroher WA7EBH 392-5303. Always room for more help in this community activity.

Minutes of the General Meeting of May 15, 1997~~

The meeting was called to order by President Al Staples N7VOF. Fourteen members were present, a quorum. Two guests were also present, Harry Lewis W7JWJ and Mary Lewis W7QGP.

President Al stated that he was changing the usual order of business

tonight. Harry Lewis W7JWJ gave a short presentation on what factors influence the rate at which we learn Morse code, and some personal history of how he got into CW.

The minutes of the general meeting of April 17, as published in SPARKS, were approved. The Treasurer's report, as published in SPARKS, was approved. The meeting was then recessed for refreshments.

President Al re-convened the meeting and stated that to his knowledge no one has yet accepted a nomination for President. Bob Adams KJ7BP is willing to serve another term as V-Pres., and Secretary Jim Von Seggern KC7FEH is willing to serve again as Secretary and also assume the duties of Treasurer. Chuck Graff nominated Lori Graff N7LC0 for President, and she was willing to accept.

There were no further nominations for President, and it was moved and seconded to close nominations. The motion passed and a unanimous vote was cast for Lori Graff. There were no further nominations for V-President, and it was moved and seconded to close nominations. The motion passed and a unanimous vote was cast for Bob Adams. No further nominations for Secretary-Treasurer were made and it was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed. The motion passed and a unanimous vote was cast for Jim Von Seggern.

The officers of Puget Amateur Radio Society for the 1997-98 year are therefore: Lori Graff N7LC0 President, Bob Adams KJ7BP V-President, Jim Von Seggern KC7FEH Secretary-Treasurer, and Al Staples N7VOF Past President.

Chuck Stroehrer again called for a show of hands for volunteers to work the Arthritis Foundation Walk on May 31, so that he can get the information to them.

Chuck Graff K7CHV stated that due to the impending partial or total destruction of this building in the near future as Puget Sound Energy consolidates the new company, he felt it advisable that the club start looking for another meeting site, preferably a smaller room that would be more conducive to a good meeting for a group our size. Jim Von Seggern suggested that we investigate the Senior Center in Bellevue where the trailer is parked. Chuck said another possibility is the public library. John Black W7HIL stated that the library does not schedule more than one month at a time, and that could be a problem. He also stated that the Bellevue Parks Dept. has a fee schedule, but there is a possibility that could be waived for the club. Chuck Graff moved that we consider making: an elective change of meeting site before we are forced out, motion was seconded and passed. John Black and Jim Von Seggern will check into the Senior Center.

Secretary Jim Von Seggern stated that at the last meeting Lester Ellis KC7TQP suggested opening the meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance and offered to donate a flag, which he brought tonight. A motion was made and seconded to open future meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance, motion passed.

President Al reminded us all that the fox hunt will be held May 17, at 10:00 am, meeting in the Puget Auditorium parking lot. Talk-in frequency is 147.1 mHz, the fox frequency will probably be 145.61 simplex.

Tom Grotte WB7TEJ made a motion that a mailing be prepared and sent to all licensees in the Bellevue-Kirkland area about Field Day, inviting them down to participate. He stated that we had several new people last year and got at least 2 new members. He estimates that this could be done for a cost of about \$180.00 Motion was seconded and passed, and it was felt that this could be done using the Mike and Key mailing permit. It was also felt that this could be part of the mailing that was approved at the last meeting, to be done in the fall.

President Al stated that the only problem at this time regarding Field Day is the matter of towing the trailer to the site. Jerry Sampont WA7BUY may be able to do it if he is in town, but if not this could be a problem. Al is reluctant to ask his son again.

Chuck Graff commended Lester Ellis for getting the flag for us. No further business was offered, and a motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted
--Jim Von Seggern KC7FEH
PARS Secretary

June birthdays
Tom Grotte WB7TEJ

We would be remiss if we did not mention the Fox Hunt, which occurred on Sat. May 17. "Fox" Jimmy Horn KA7GKP was very entertaining, and was kind enough to stay a little extra time so that the neophytes among us were able to track him down. There weren't many of us, but I think we had fun, and personally I learned a lot about radio and about Bellevue (I've only lived here 29 years!). Thanks again Jimmy, we surely do appreciate it.

That's about all I have at this time. We have for the present avoided a real crisis in the club, but we need a more general groundswell of willingness to take on chores. Let's all get in there and pitch this year. My thanks to Jim Darby W7FYH, who has volunteered to cover as Secretary for the June meeting.

See ya' in July! 73 de Jim KC7FEH