

24 January 2024

FIARC Meeting Minutes – 02 December 2023

Attendees:

N7NW – Hal Goodell	KJ7RVR – Jane Tollett	W7RWH – Bob Holzgraf
AC7QN – Chuck Kemmer	K7ND – Jim Christianson	K7NMO – Pat Tackett
K1GCF – Gail Ferguson	K7CRZ – Jeff Ferguson	KI7CQM – Jim Braden

Thank you everyone for all the festive and delicious goodies!

1. Minutes from 28 October 2023 were unanimously approved.

2. Update from President Hal Goodell

- A tree fell in the storm and took out Hal's greenhouses and several guy wires, one for his 2m antenna. The PMAC building was also destroyed in the storm and will be out for a year.
- Hal and Bob will get together to complete Hal's Yagi.

3. Boy Scouts

- We might put together an introduction class for them which could possibly lead to a merit badge.
- Jeff would be willing to put a class together, possibly in the NCC auditorium. They could set up GoKits and then the group could tour the EOC.
- Jim will get the other Scout leader names to Jeff.

4. Free For All Discussion

- Gail mentioned that MultiCare tried to get people involved in using Ham Radio but could not. Where is the need exactly? For awhile Good Sam was involved.
- ARES is always looking for groups to help and work with.
- KGHP Peninsula HS Radio Station may be lost due to school budget cuts. The Superintendent is putting a study group together – Jim is involved – to look at more formal programming and operation.
- ARES net is listed on Gig Harbor Now, Jane will ask Brady to list us as well.
- Chuck brought a 17' telescoping antenna, 20meters, collapsed to about 25". Very nice.
- Building personal GoKits would be a nice project, like the one Bob Holzgraf brought.
- We could have people build their own GoKits and use them for Net check-ins. Try from your cars as well.
- Hal got a very nice small device at CostCo that can start your car and fill tires. Had USB ports.
<https://www.costco.com/3-in-1-1000-amp-cat-power-station-with-jump-starter-%2526-compressor.product.100672966.html> However it looks like it is all sold out. Here is what looks like a similar unit at Amazon by Stanley: STANLEY J5C09 Portable Power Station Jump Starter 1000 Peak Amp Battery Booster, 120 PSI Air Compressor, USB Port, Battery Clamps
- Block Coordinators could be invited to the Nets.
- We could start a Social net to help people get more comfortable using radios.
- Another interesting Net would be one focused on Emergency Preparedness. We should be doing more Nets from home, via mobile, etc.

5. Next Meeting – Saturday 27 January 2024

Respectfully Submitted,
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