

# Edmonds Woodway Amateur Radio Club

Meeting of 11 January 2024 Pres. Ed Serchon N7PHY presiding.

## General Announcements:

Daily 10 meter gatherings continue at 1200 local time at 28.350 MHz USB. Note that increased activity on 10 meters sometimes necessitates QSY to 28.355 MHz.

## From the Treasurer:

Barry K7BWH presented a look at our finances over the past year and a forecast for the coming year. Over the 2023 calendar year, our income was purely membership dues and modest donations. We did not hold any income-generating events like a parking lot sale, or SK sales. Our bank balance went down by \$125; this is not a major concern. He presented a 2024 budget that assumes we will have 50 paid members, which is the same as our average membership over the last four years. At the time of writing, 1/16/2024, we have 40 paid members. If we maintain spending patterns through 2024 then our bank balance will decrease again slightly. He recommends more SK sales and a parking lot sale this year to make up the difference. Overall, the treasury is in good shape. If you would like to see the proposed budget or more detail on anything, don't hesitate to get in touch.

## General Business:

- The ARRL VHF Contest is scheduled for January 20 - 22. The contest should start at 11:00 AM on Saturday and run through 8:00 PM on Sunday. See: <https://contests.arrl.org/janvhf/> for details.
- Winter Field Day will be held on January 27 and 28. Details at: <https://winterfieldday.org/>. In the past we have been able to use the veranda of the MTCSC for Winter Field Day.
- Simplex connectivity tests for the club. There was a call for another 2 meter simplex test followed by a call for a 40 meter simplex test. It was

recommended to use Zoom to coordinate the tests. That way we can keep track of connections while the tests are being run.

- Ed N7PHY is dropping his Zoom contract. Various alternatives were suggested. But our newest member, Josh Curtis KK7QCW made an offer that the club could utilize the Zoom contract which his employer maintains.
- Tom Poe K7POE discussed a project he is very committed to: the Gibby Home Fire Prevention Foundation. Since 2016 this foundation has worked to help prevent fires in homes. They have helped pass legislation regarding smoke detectors in apartments. They have installed over 4000 smoke alarms in the Edmonds area. And they work to help educate people regarding the dangers of fires in the home. You can contact the Gibby Home Fire Prevention group at: <http://www.gibbyhomefireprevention.org/home.html>. They will install smoke detectors in your home for free.

**List of attendees (\* = Zoom Attendees):**

1. Greg N7IAD
2. Ed N7PHY
3. Josh KK7QCW
4. Barry K7BWH
5. Tom K7POE
6. Neri NC7N
7. Tom K7BXA
8. Walt W7PRB
9. Tom KH6HDA
10. Forrest
11. Brian KG7PD
12. Mike K7MH
13. Chris KI7LBC
14. Robert KD7WNV
15. Brett KI7YFP
16. \*Mike W7NP
17. \*Dave WA7RSO
18. \*Susan W7MXW
19. \*Scott KB7RSV
20. \*Chuck WA7BRL
21. \*Judy WA7DKY
22. \*John KM7O
23. \*Rick K7TR
24. \*Daniel KJ6SEE

