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December 18th Attendance

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Our chair Tim Cantwell called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM. There was a round of introductions.

The duties of the position of secretary will be shared by Kathy Caldwell and Bill Bruce. Kathy will take notes at the meetings (a crucial part of that position) and Bill will put the newsletter together and distribute them.

Dennis McLaughlin led the discussion of the Group website. Chic (the webmaster) said that the website should be updated or shut down. Dennis found a software program to build a website for \$49.95 called "Web Easy". The question arose as to whether there were sufficient instructions to easily build a website by someone in the Group. We are already paying a web host that will support it.

Then, the issue about the need for a laptop computer came up. The reason stated was there the web building software is placed on that computer and that whoever is working on the program would have it on one computer. It was estimated that the cost of the computer would run about \$500 to \$600. It would also be made available for the secretary to work on.

Web Easy for \$49.95 would probably not be adequate for the purposes that the Group needs. Tony will speak with his brother-in-law, Jeff Nelson (a website designer) about the Group's needs. Tony Peredo will ask him to attend the Group January meeting in the Puyallup. This

topic was tabled until the January meeting. This will give the Group the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the issue further.

The next issue came up was about the annual Bat Forum. Should the Group continue to have one for each year? Many BATs are not happy with the content and would like changes to be made so as to be more helpful to them. The vendors have historically had problems with unloading and loading their wares and parking is a problem. What should be done is to ask the BATs what they would like to have to help them. The suggestion came up of the possibility of a panel made up of experienced BATs that are members of the Group. There is also the possibility of making the meeting a four hour open meeting instead of a "forum". Ron said that one of the subjects of the meeting could be opening up a business. What is the process? Other issues that should be brought up in a discussion at such a monthly meeting are test reports and accuracy and pumping out of vaults. There are many other issues that BATs would bring forth towards a discussion. In essence, it was concluded that a BAT forum was not the best approach to help BATs.

Various topics that were suggested for monthly meetings were gray water, fire systems, and liability. It was suggested that Dave Cantrell would be a good choice to speak at that particular meeting.

There the discussion of two tours. One is a tour of the City of Everett water treatment plant at Lake Chaplain. Linda said that she would be willing to talk with Mark Weeks. Bill also suggested that Tim Markham should be approached because of his responsibility to the plant knowing where the backflow preventers are. The other suggestion would be a tour of the Husky Stadium where Dale would be a contact. The park for the annual picnic the annual picnic will Perrigo Park and will be reserved by Kathy Caldwell. It is the same place we went last year.

The Group agreed to pay for Bob Eastwood's admission to attend the SRC4 seminar in late February. This gives him the opportunity to meet new speakers and bring home new ideas to the Group.

Next meeting is at the Pierce County Library. The address is 3005 112th St E, Tacoma.

The meeting ended at 12:00 PM.

Attached to this email is the form for the 2014 dues. Please print it, fill it out and mail it with your \$10.00 payment to the Group. Mail it to The Group, PO Box 94551, Seattle Wa 98124.
Group dues need to be submitted no later than March 31st 2014.

The 2014 meeting itinerary, or at least the best we could, is on the following page. There are some undecided and unconfirmed information, and we will update and keep you posted as we gain information.

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All meetings start at 10 AM and close at 12 PM unless otherwise noted

DATE	TOPIC	LOCATION	CONTACT
JAN 15TH	WEB DESIGN	RAINER VIEW WATER CO ADDRESS	TONY PEREDO 253-537-6634
FEB 19TH	GROUP ASR	CITY OF ISSAQUAH ADDRESS	DENNIS 206 364 9531
MAR 19TH	BAT MEETING	TBD ADDRESS	TBD PHONE
APRIL 16TH	FIRE SYSTEMS	CITY OF REDMOND 18080 NE 76TH ST 98052	KATHY CALDWELL 425 556 2847
MAY 21ST	HUSKY STADIUM	UNIVERSTIY OF WASHINTON ADDRESS	DALE BAXMANN 206-795-9192
JUNE 18TH	GRAY WATER	WOODINVILLE WATER DIST ADDRESS	TIM CANTWELL 425-487-4125
JULY 16TH	TBD	LOC ADDRESS	CONTACT PHONE
AUG 20TH	ANNUAL PICNIC	REDMOND-PERRIGO PARK 9011 196TH AVE NE REDMOND	KATHY CALDWELL 425 556 2847
SEPT 17TH	WEB PAGE REVIEW	SAMMAMISH PLATEAU 1510 228TH AVE SE SAMMAMISH	CHIC NESSLEY 425 392 4931 X 213
OCT 22ND	ANNUAL SEMINAR	TACOMA-LA QUINTA ADDRESS	COMMITTEE PHONE
NOV 19TH	LIABILITES/ELECTION	SILVERLAKE WATER ADDRESS	CASEY PARKS 425-750-9854
DEC 17TH	2015 PLANNING	NORTHSHORE UTILITY DIST ADDRESS	CARL LUNAK 425-398-4419