

## **Minutes of June 6, 2002 General Membership Meeting**

The June 6th, General Membership meeting was held at Lacey Fire Station #34. Chairman John Schurman-AA7UJ, called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

### **INTRODUCTIONS:**

Introductions were made and a sign-in sheet was circulated. In attendance were: Mark McClain-N6OBY, John Schurman-AA7UJ, Roger Hansen-W6TOZ, Steve Zielke- N7JLF, Peter Policani- K7PP, Marty Hadfield- WB7AFV, Gard Forester- KF6GAO, Rob Lee- K7TGU, Jamie Hughes-KD7HPE, Jon Marcinko-WR7JM, Gene Colson- W7UVH, Al Bureson- K7HW, Don Wilbrecht- WA7C.

### **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:**

- The minutes of the April 6, 2002, General Meeting were approved.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- Current financial statements were distributed for review. A motion passed to approve the financial reports.

### **ADJACENT AREAS:**

**IACC:** Nothing reported

**B.C.:** George Merchant-VE7CHU, provided an updated file of BCARCC's repeater directory listings.

**ORRC:** There has been no word from ORRC regarding the repeater directory listings.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Technical:** Committee Chair Marty Hadfield- WB7AFV, reported that he talked with one of the companies that makes RF prediction software about a special purchase arrangement for our use. He will provide updates as appropriate. Marty also said he obtained detailed terrain data for Canada for use with the prediction software he runs.

**6/10 Meters:** Board actions: None.  
Other/Pending: Nothing reported.

**2 Meters:** Board actions: None.  
Other/Pending: Band Chair- Pete-K7PP, reported that 145.17-KO Peak is trying a directional antenna and has limited the emission into Mason County. Carl Di Paolo- W7EXH, has an issue with his repeater in Longview. Carl may agree to co-channel if he is allowed to remain primary and the KO Peak users agree to avoid use of the KO repeater in Longview.

Pete is also working with a group in Cape Arch, OR, to select a 2-meter frequency. They first tried 147.08 from a water tower in Astoria. They next tried 147.34, and received a co-channel letter from the Woodinville repeater, but were interfering with another Oregon machine. They may also look at co-channeling with 146.74 on Mt Constitution.

**220 Band:** Board actions: None.  
Other/Pending: Nothing reported.

**UHF Rptrs:** Board actions: None.

Other/Pending: Jamie-KD7HPE, reported that he finally received the notes from the previous Band Chair, and he is working through the backlog and contacting the applicants

**UHF Links:** Board actions: None  
Other/Pending: Jon-WR7JM provided a status report for his UHF link coordination activities.

**900/1.2:** Board actions: None.  
Other/Pending: Gene-W7UVH.

**NFCC:** Annual elections for three of the six NFCC board will be taking place in June and July, Clay-K7CR, was not present.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Modification of Technical Data Sheet:** Jon-WR7JM finished his revisions. Mark-N6OBY is planning to make changes and some administrative tracking features.

**Review of UHF Links and Band Plan:** Jon-WR7JM has been giving some consideration for using 12.5 kHz channel spacing for links. It was suggested that we get some discussion going with our neighboring coordination groups. John-AA7UJ will assist with writing letters.

**Bylaw and Coordination Policy Review:** John-AA7UJ reported that Bryon-WB0CZA has not been able to spend much time on this project lately due to work commitments. Steve Szombathy-W7UDI has offered to step in and help coordinate this effort and move the project forward.

**Repeater Directory:** The status of the 2002-2003 Repeater Directory project was provided by Mark-N6OBY.

- 1.) Directory Data- To date, directory data has been received from BC (BCARCC), E. WA (IACC), Montana, and Idaho. There has been no word from Oregon (ORRC) since their agreement letter was signed and returned.
  - 2.) Front Cover- Nothing has been submitted so far. Jamie-KD7HPE has offered to put something together.
  - 3.) Advertising- No ads/artwork has been
  - 4.) Directory info pages- Word documents are being prepared by Roger-W6TOZ.
- John-AA7UJ and Mark-N6OBY will continue the effort to get a response from ORRC on their ability/desire to supply us with Oregon's directory data. However, at some point, we will need to decide to move ahead with or without their data. There was also a short discussion regarding the timing of the WWARA Repeater Directory being made available compared to the release date of the ARRL directory.

**BCARCC:** John-AA7UJ and Mark-N6OBY gave a recap of BCARCC's Annual Membership Meeting they attended on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Both considered it time well spent, and recommended that the WWARA make an effort to attend their annual meeting in the future. After the meeting, they had lunch with a lot of BCARCC Board. It was commented that the BCARCC financial situation is extremely lean, and assuming the WWARA produces a repeater directory, we should make a contribution to BCARCC in return for their supplying directory data. A question was asked why the BCARCC doesn't resell the WWARA directory, which they could buy in bulk for a discount. This will be discussed once we get the directory in production.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Band Plans:** Gene-W7UVH has been reviewing our 900 Mhz Band Plan, at the request of the Board. It is unclear if the WWARA has formally adopted a 900 Mhz plan. While a plan is listed in the WWARA Coordination Policies, the plan was excluded from last year's WWARA Repeater Directory. Gene has been in contact with BCARCC and comparing notes. ORRC appears to have three separate 900 Mhz plans. ORCC said they would send their plan, which Gene is waiting to receive. John-AA7UJ said he would assist with correspondence.

John-AA7UJ is going to push a request to the NFCC asking them to deal with the lack of CTCSS used on 10-meter repeaters across the nation.

**Newsletter:** No one has volunteered to be the newsletter editor. John-AA7UJ said if no one were willing to take on the task, he would accept a motion to discontinue its production.

- A motion to discontinue the publishing of the newsletter was made and carried.

Work will begin to assess the impact of this decision and move towards making the Minutes and other notices available to the members via direct email, the WWARA webpage, or a YahooGroups. It was noted that this decision could require changes to our Bylaws, as we may be out of compliance. Steve-W7UDI will review to see if there is an issue.

A related discussion took place regarding the need to review our Dues and Fees structure, now that the expenses of printing and mailing a newsletter are eliminated. John-AA7UJ asked the Treasurer, Roger-W6TOZ to look at the impact. Roger will put together a recommendation for the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 3, 2002 at 10:00am. The location and directions will be published on the WWARA web page prior to the meeting.

- A motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm.

*Minutes by Mark McClain- N6OBY, Secretary.*