

## **General Membership Meeting Minutes December 7, 2002**

The December 7, 2002, General Membership meeting was held at Kent Fire Station #73. Chairman John Schurman-AA7UJ, called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM.

### **INTRODUCTIONS:**

Introductions were made and a sign-in sheet was circulated. In attendance were: Mark McClain-N6OBY, John Schurman-AA7UJ, Carter Powell-W7IAG, Jim Kenny-K7LD, Bob Lewis-W7AN, Al Burleson-K7HW, Herman Entz-K7PAG, Bob Heselberg-K7MXE, Art Brown-W7GGI, David Swartz-KC7RRH, Bill Balzarini-KL7BB, Steve Szombathy-W7UDI, Peter Dahl-WA7FUS, Jamie Hughes-KD7HPE, Ed Bruette-N7NVP, Roger Hansen-W6TOZ, and Earl Garber-N3EG.

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

- A motion passed to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2002, General Meeting.

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

- Treasurer Roger Hansen-W6TOZ distributed current financial statements for review. A motioned carried to accept the financial report.

### **ADJACENT AREAS:**

**IACC:** Nothing reported.

**B.C.:** Jamie Hughes-KD7HPE reported that he continues to work with BCARCC and communications have been great.

**ORRC:** Nothing reported.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Technical:** Nothing reported.

**6/10 Meters:** Board actions: None.

Other/Pending: Band Chair Ed Bruette-N7NVP requested that TR# 2027 be cancelled because the construction period has expired.

**2 Meters:** Board actions: None.

**220 Band:** Board actions: None.

**UHF Rptrs:** Board actions: Previous to the meeting, the Board approved the following coordinations:

- 441.925-Bellingham (TR# 5309) to N7FYU
- 444.150-Lake Forest Park (TR# 5171) to W7GVJ
- 444.400-Bay Center (TR# 5014) to NM7R

The membership had no questions and supported the approvals.

**UHF Links:** Board actions: None.

**900/1.2:** Board actions: Previous to the meeting, the Board approved the following coordinations:

- 927.450- E Tiger (TR# 6010) to WR7JM

The membership had no questions and supported the approvals.

**NFCC:** John Schurman-AA7UJ said that Clay informed him that Nels Harvey-WA9JOB is the new Chairman, and that Clay intends to serve out his term as the NFCC Representative and seat on the WWARA Board.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Modification of Technical Data Sheet:** Mark McClain-N6OBY, distributed draft copies of the revised form and discussed the changes. Those present were asked to review the draft and submit final suggestions for change prior to the end of the year. The goal is to release the updated Tech Data Sheet in the form of a MS-Word and Adobe Acrobat PDF formats at the beginning of the year.

**Review of UHF Links and Band Plans:** Jon Marcinko-WR7JM, was not present and no status or update was available for the meeting.

**Band Plans- 900 Mhz and 10-meters:** John Schurman-AA7UJ discussed the proposed 900 plan submitted by Gene Colson-W7UVH. John suggested that provisions for simplex, SNP, and other potential uses be incorporated at this time. Further review will continue. John also commented about a letter he sent to the NFCC regarding the need for national coordination of CTCSS for 10-meter repeaters.

**Review of Dues and Fees:** There was a review and discussion of the proposal by Roger Hansen-W6TOZ, for the restructuring of Dues and Fees. A motion carried to adopt the proposal effective 01/01/03. Jamie Hughes-KD7HPE, asked if we should continue to allow the prepayment of Dues in the event they are raised in the future. This will be added to the Bylaw review list for future consideration.

**Coordination Policies:** Steve Szombathy-W7UDI, handed out copies of the updated Coordination Policy draft. There was an open discussion of the proposed changes and several suggestions. Steve will continue to work on this and incorporate the changes.

**Repeater Directory:** John Schurman-AA7UJ asked for volunteers to help on a committee to produce a web-based listing of our coordination. A meeting for those interested will be scheduled for the Jan/Feb timeframe.

**BMUG:** John Schurman-AA7UJ gave a review of a letter that he sent to BMUG regarding their request to the WWARA to recognize them as a coordination group in E. OR.

**TR# 5183 – Mercer Island application request for Assignment:** Carter Powell-W7IAG reviewed the history of the 440.175 repeater on Mercer Island and described the areas of responsibility for its operation. After much discussion, it was agreed that Carter would write Steve Mayes-KA7PMC, and discuss the options for transferring the coordination to the Mercer Island ARES group. Herman Entz-K7PAG, asked if discussion amongst the Board is going to be distributed. He was referring to emails related to TR# 5183 between Board members that were not conducted on the Operations Remailer. John Schurman-AA7UJ, stated that there is nothing that prohibits Board members to discuss ideas and opinions via private email, but that the actual conducting of business must be via the remailer. Roger Hansen-W6TOZ, asked about having an alternate contact to the Trustee in the event of a Trustee being out of the area and/or unavailable. Steve Szombathy-W7UDI also felt that we should have provisions for alternate contacts. Steve motioned that we table TR# 5183 until Carter corresponds with Steve Mayes. The motion was seconded and carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Elections:** Membership Chair, Ed Bruette-N7NVP, began the annual election process for the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Representative #1, and Representative #3.

- Nominations were opened for the position of Chair. John Schurman-AA7UJ, was nominated by Al Burleson-K7HW, and seconded by Herman Entz-K7PAG. There were no other nominations. Al Burleson-K7HW, moved to close nominations, and Jamie Hughes-KD7HPE, seconded. The vote was unanimous.
- Nominations were opened for the position of Vice-Chair. Bob Lewis-W7AN, nominated Al Burleson-K7HW. Al declined the nomination. Bob Lewis-W7AN, was nominated by Mark McClain-N6OBY, and seconded by Al Burleson- K7HW. There were no other nominations. Al Burleson- K7HW, moved to close nominations, and Steve Szombathy-W7UDI, seconded. The vote was unanimous.
- Nominations were opened for the position of Secretary. Mark McClain- N6OBY, was nominated by Bob Lewis-W7AN, and seconded by Al Burleson- K7HW. There were no other nominations. Al Burleson- K7HW, moved to close nominations, seconded by Steve Szombathy-W7UDI. The vote was unanimous.
- Nominations were opened for the position of Treasurer. Roger Hansen- W6TOZ, was nominated by Bob Lewis-W7AN, and Al Burleson- K7HW, seconded. There were no other nominations. Al Burleson- K7HW, moved to close the nominations, seconded by Steve Szombathy-W7UDI. The vote was unanimous.
- Nominations were opened for the position of Representative #1; Steve Szombathy-W7UDI, was nominated by John Schurman-AA7UJ, and seconded by Jon Marcinko- WR7JM. Scott Cronk-N7FSP, who was not present, was nominated by Al Burleson- K7HW, and seconded by Jamie Hughes-KD7HPE. There were no other nominations and John Schurman- AA7UJ, moved to close nominations, seconded by Al Burleson- K7HW. Steve Szombathy was elected by a vote of 10-1.
- Nominations were opened for the position of Representative #3 ; Carl Holman-K7CH, , who was not present, was nominated by Al Burleson- K7HW, and seconded Herman Entz-K7PAG. Earl Garber-N3EG, was nominated by Steve Szombathy-W7UDI, and seconded by Jamie Hughes-KD7HPE. There were no other nominations and Al Burleson- K7HW, moved to close nominations, and was seconded by Herman Entz- K7PAG. Carl Holman was elected by a vote of 8-3.

Ed concluded the election of officers by saying he has talked with all of the current committee leads except Marty Hadfield-WB7AFV, and Gene Colson-W7UVH, and all are willing to serve again in 2003. The new Board will conduct committee appointments during December.

**Financial Review:** The Financial Review needs to take place prior to the February General Meeting. Bob Lewis-W7AN, offered to conduct the annual financial review again this year. Details for the review will be put on the remailer. We will need someone from the membership to volunteer as a participant.

### **Other:**

- Ed Bruette-N7NVP read an email regarding a Skywarn on-the-air meeting that is planned for later today on the K7PP repeater.
- Ed also read a report about Senator Pam Roach's visit to the King County ARES meeting on The Senator is very interested in voluntary communications programs such as ARES and RACES. There have been several follow-on meetings and a growing interest in emergency communications.

- Ed also read an email from Larry Zanella-WA7LZO, regarding APCO 25 digital systems, and what the WWARA's position is. Peter Dahl-WA7FUS recommended that Larry be invited to lead a technical discussion at an upcoming meeting.

The next meeting will be held on February 6, 2003 at 7:00 PM. The location and directions will be published on the WWARA web page prior to the meeting.

- A motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 AM.

*Minutes by Mark McClain-N6OBY, Secretary.*