

# *Western Washington Amateur Relay Association*

## **General Membership Meeting Minutes June 5, 2003**

The June 5, 2003, General Membership meeting was held at Shoreline Fire Dept Station #61 in Shoreline, WA. Vice-Chairman Bob Lewis-W7AN, called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

### **INTRODUCTIONS:**

Introductions were made and a sign-in sheet was circulated. In attendance were: Mark McClain-N6OBY, Bob Lewis-W7AN, Peter Dahl-WA7FUS, Herman Entz-K7PAG, Al Burleson-K7HW, Gene Underwood-W7AKA, Scott Keeny-KD7NAX, Ron Burden-KC7ONX, Nick Sutton-NS7DX, Earl Garber-N3EG, and Don Rose-W7JPH.

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

- A motion passed to approve the minutes of the April 5th General Meeting.

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

- A Balance Sheet and Profit/Loss statement ending May 31<sup>st</sup> were distributed for review. There were no questions and a motioned carried to accept the financial report.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

- Ed Bruette-N7NVP (6-meter Band Chair) sent an email just prior to the meeting and said he would not be able to make tonight's meeting. Ed would like to know if anyone is in contact with Spencer Bahner-N7UMO, and if they could ask Spencer to contact Ed regarding a pending application.
- Jon Marcinko-WR7JM sent an email stating that he could not make tonight's meeting due to back problems, and John Schurman-AA7UJ had a family commitment and could not attend. Roger Hansen-W6TOZ, Treasurer, is out of the state on a work assignment this week.
- I have asked the folks who host our public web page to provide us the option to use the "#include" statement. This feature will allow database information contained on the private Admin Server to be included within pages on the public server. The information would be displayed dynamically and could be used to provide up-to-date (real-time) information such as a transaction log, coordinations that are about to expire, coordination listings, etc. If anyone is knowledgeable in this area and would like to assist, please contact me.
- We need someone to take minutes at the August meeting.

### **ADJACENT AREAS:**

**IACC:** Nothing reported.  
**B.C.:** Nothing reported.  
**ORRC:** Nothing reported.

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## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Technical:** Nothing reported.

**6/10 Meters:** Board actions: Previous to the meeting, the Board approved the following coordinations:

- TR# 2022 (53.470\_KB7TGJ\_Capitol\_2022\_01.21.03)
- TR# 2031 (53.330\_N7OEP\_BaldiMtn\_2031\_03.17.03)

The membership had no questions and supported the approvals. The Band Chair (Ed-N7NVP) was not able to attend due to another ham meeting, but submitted his Band Chair Report with current status of pending items.

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

The Band Chair (Pete-K7PP) was not able to attend, but submitted his Band Chair Report with current status of pending items and other pertinent info. The report included equipment details of an uncoordinated repeater on 147.00 still in operation at Megler Mt.

**220 Band:** Board actions: Previous to the meeting, the Board approved the following coordinations:

- TR# 4007 (224.660\_W7UFI\_Haystack\_4007\_11.07.02)
- TR# 4024 (223.860\_AA7UJ\_Kirkland\_4024\_01.18.02)
- TR# 4044 (224.780\_WA7FUS\_Lyman\_4044\_02.06.03)

The membership had no questions and supported the approvals.

**UHF Rptrs:** Board actions: None. The Band Chair (Jamie-KD7HPE) was not present and unaccounted for. No Band Chair Report was submitted.

Bob Lewis-W7AN commented that the UHF Repeater Band Chair seems to be missing in action. He opened for discussion the replacement with someone who can commit the time and fill the position. The Secretary and various Board members have been receiving an increasing amount of email from applicants that are complaining that they are not getting replies to emails or telephone calls to Jamie.

Mark McClain-N6OBY, Secretary, explained that the lack of work by others in the WWARA is causing an increase in work to the Secretary's position. Half of the Band Chairs do not submit Band Chair Reports at all, or ones that are incomplete, which does not allow for any cross-checking to the database. The Band Chair Reports are to report current status of the applications that are in process. The Secretary went on record to state that he will not continue as Secretary of the WWARA unless the general support of all Band Chairs and Board members to get our services levels back to a minimum level.

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The Secretary opened a discussion about an application (TR# 5325 – 440.525) from William Galletti-N7YM. Al Burleson-K7HW received an email from Mr. Galletti asking why it hasn't been approved. Emails to the Band Chair requesting clarification of the frequency have not been answered. The Secretary was able to confirm the frequency prior to the meeting and motioned that the coordination be approved. The motion was seconded by Al-K7HW, and approved by the members present at the meeting.

The Secretary motioned to approve an application (TR# 5320 – 444.950) from Doyle Wenzel-N7UJK. The Band Chair had recommended coordination, but had a different callsign in the request. Numerous attempts by the Secretary to clarify the change in callsign with the Band Chair went unanswered. The Secretary contacted the applicant and confirmed there was no change. The motion was seconded by Peter Dahl-WA7FUS, and approved by the members present at the meeting.

Peter Dahl-WA7FUS asked what happened to the revised Tech Data Sheet that was being worked on. Mark McClain-N6OBY reported that he had been working on a few final changes and will work to get it completed.

**UHF Links:** Board actions: None. The Band Chair (Jon-WR7JM) was unable to attend the meeting. No Band Chair Report was submitted

**900/1.2:** Board actions: None. A Band Chair Report was provided with a list of Pending items.

**NFCC:** Clay Freinwald-K7CR was not present. Bob Lewis-W7AN said there was discussion at the last meeting about the issues that plague 10-meter repeaters across the US that operate in carrier squelch mode. Bob would like to see the NFCC work on this issue on a national scale since the problem is not contained to specific localities.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Review of UHF Links and Band Plans:** Nothing reported. Mark-N6OBY suggested that Steve Szombathy-W7UDI should be made aware of any clean up of Band Plans because they are included in the Coordination Policies.

**Band Plans- 900 Mhz:** Nothing reported.

**Coordination Policies:** Nothing reported.

**Repeater Directory:** Nothing has happened since the initial committee meeting to discuss the creation of an on-line repeater directory. Committee members were to review and suggest which database fields should be included in the type of listings that are decided upon.

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### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Minutes at next mtg:** Someone needs to take minutes at the next meeting.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Al Burleson-K7HW talked about what the Radio Club of Tacoma is doing in the way of classes for new hams.
- Nick Sutton-NS7DX talked about a new radio that is featured on the back of the new ARRL Repeater Directory. The radio is called the D-Star and is capable of wide-band transmission. Icom and Kenwood have adopted the technology standard. The protocol will be made public and is TCP-based. Icom is building them on 1.2G. There are three modes- standard FM, digital voice mode (6-7K bandwidth), and high-speed data (130K bandwidth) that provides 128K throughput. The radio will be on the shelf this summer and will list for about \$1,500. A repeater version is available for ~\$1,500.

The next meeting will be held on August 2, 2003 at 10:00 AM.

- A motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 PM.

*Minutes prepared by Mark McClain-N6OBY, Secretary.*