

Western Washington Amateur Relay Association

General Membership Meeting Minutes August 2, 2003

The August 2, 2003, General Membership meeting was held at Kent Fire Dept Station #73 in Kent, WA. Chairman John Schurman-AA7UJ, called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Introductions were made and a sign-in sheet was circulated. In attendance were: Mark MClain-N6OBY, John Schurman-AA7UJ, Roger Hansen-W6TOZ, Al Bureson-K7HW, Gene Underwood-W7AKA, Bill Balzarini-KL7BB, Steven Zielke-N7JLF, Jon Marcinko-WR7JM, Rob Lee-K7TGU, Steve Szombathy-W7UDI, and Daniel Stevens-KL7WM.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- § Emails from Bob Lewis-KC7TGA (Vice-Chair), Ed Bruette-N7NVP (6-meter Band Chair), Pete Policani-K7PP (2-meter Band Chair), Carl Holman-K7CH (Director) indicated that they would not be able to attend the meeting.
- § An updated version of the Technical Data Sheet draft was distributed for final review. It was suggested that a copy should be emailed to the Board Remailer since several Board members and Band Chairs were not present.

ADJACENT AREAS:

IACC: Jon-WR7JM reported that Doug Rider contacted him about a coordination.

B.C.: Nothing reported.

ORRC: John-AA7UJ said there was some emails between NFCB and Clay-K7CR about the status with BMUG. John indicated that the WWARA shares no borders with BMUG's proposed service area and would not be involved with any decision for BMUG's approval by the NFCB.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Technical: Nothing reported.

6/10 Meters: Board actions: None. No Pending items to report on.

2 Meters: Board actions: Previous to the meeting, the Board approved the following coordinations:

- TR# 3051 (146.900_K7KFM_Orcas-Is_3051_05.30.03)
- TR# 3049 (147.280_KK7QS_Tacoma_3049_02.22.03)

The membership had no questions and supported the approvals.

A Band Chair Report was provided with the status of Pending items and status.

220 Band: Board actions: None.

A Band Chair Report was provided with a list of Pending items and status.

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

- TR# 5128 (442.775_WA7TZY_Woodinvi_5128_03.06.03)
- TR# 5097 (443.750_WA7ZWG_Lookout_5097_01.12.03)

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- TR# 5289 (441.125_WB0CZA_Bothell_5289_10.25.01)
- TR# 5289 (441.075_AA7UJ_Kirkland_5147_01.25.03)
- TR# 5199 (440.600_AA7SS_Bremerto_5199_12.26.02)
- TR# 5324 (444.500_N7BAG_MeglerMt_5324_06.17.02)
- TR# 5275 (441.825_N7IPB_Seattle_5275_04.01.01)

A Band Chair Report was provided with a list of Pending items and status.

UHF Links: Board actions: None. No Band Chair Report submitted. A handout was distributed with the Pending items listed. The Secretary read a list of Pending UHF Link applications that have been sitting since 2001. Ten of the current 21 Pending applications fall into this category. Coordination Policies are not being adhered to with respect to the Construction and Test Periods, and we need to start returning applications.

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. Three items remain open and there is no status: need for national 10-meter CTCSS tone coordination, VoIP Links, and NFCB elections.

OLD BUSINESS:

Review of UHF Links and Band Plans:

Band Plans- 900 Mhz: Gene Colson-W7UVH distributed an updated version of his 900 Mhz Band Plan Draft document. John-AA7UJ is waiting for Marty to provide his input on how other areas are handling 900 Megs.

Coordination Policies: Steve-W7UDI will ask for final comments from all Board and Band Chairs and confirm they have seen the proposed changes.

NEW BUSINESS

Resignation/replacement of UHF Repeater Band Chair: John-AA7UJ is temporarily filling in as Band Chair for UHF Repeaters, but feels he shouldn't because of a possible conflict of interest as Board Chair. After discussion amongst the group, it was felt that John could continue thru the end of the year.

Call for Special Meeting: Peter Dahl-WA7FUS felt that a Special Meeting be held to discuss the current operations of the WWARA. John-Aa7UJ didn't feel a meeting could be called unless the membership called for it. A motion to hold a special meeting was made by Steve-W7UDI, seconded by Jon-WR7JM, and carried. John-AA7UJ will put together an agenda and set a date.

WWARA Volunteer Appreciation dinner: Mark-N6OBY opened discussion for an annual appreciation dinner for those who serve on the Board, as Band Chairs, and/or Committee Leads. It was noted that there is no personal benefit for volunteering time for the WWARA. Mark will put a summary on the Board Remailer for discussion among all of the Board and Band Chairs since everyone is not present today.

The next meeting will be held on October 2, 2003 at 7:00 PM.

§ A motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 12:06 PM.

Minutes prepared by Mark McClain-N6OBY, Secretary.