

Western Washington Amateur Relay Association

General Membership Meeting Minutes October 2, 2003

The October 2, 2003, General Membership meeting was held at Radio Club of Tacoma "Clubhouse" in Tacoma, WA. Chairman John Schurman-AA7UJ, called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Introductions were made and a sign-in sheet was circulated. In attendance were: Mark McClain-N6OBY, John Schurman-AA7UJ, Ed Bruette-N7NVP, Ken Dahl-K7TAG, Duane Braford-WB7ROZ, Jon Marcinko-WR7JM, Gene Colson-W7UVH, Gerardo Fernandez-KD7MJP, Noel Santos-AA7ST, Rob Lee-K7TGU, Bob Hesselberg-K7MXE, Herman Entz-K7PAG, Al Burleson-K7HW, Peter Dahl-WA7FUS, Peter Policani-K7PP, Roger Hansen-W6TOZ, and Rufi Magbanua-AA7SS.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

✍ A motion passed to approve the minutes of the August 2nd General Meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

✍ A Balance Sheet and Profit/Loss statement ending September 30th were distributed for review. There were no questions and a motioned carried to accept the financial report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

✍ The final, updated version of the Technical Data Sheet was distributed. The Secretary no comments or corrections since distributing the draft at the previous meeting. The new TDS will be placed on the Website and be required for all submissions starting January 2004.

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ADJACENT AREAS:

IACC: Nothing reported.

B.C.: John-AA7UJ and Pete -K7PP reported they have had correspondence with BCARCC. The BCARCC is now coordinating IRLP and EchoLink stations using simplex frequencies. One problem that exists is with the 15Khz channel spacing used in BC, compared to our 20Khz channel spacing on the simplex part of the 2-meter spectrum.

ORRC: Nothing reported.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Technical: Nothing reported. John-AA7UJ said he received an email from Marty this morning with an apology for not attending most of the meetings this year. He promised to attend the December meeting and report on his 900 Band Plan assignment.

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

?? TR# 2022 - 53.470_WR7JM_Capitol_2022_06.24.03

The membership had no questions and supported the approvals.

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

2 Meters: Board actions: None.

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

?? TR# 4017 - 224.920_WR7JM_SouthMtn_4017_05.25.03

The membership had no questions and supported the approvals.

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

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?? TR# 5218 - 440.625_KK7QS_Tacoma_5218_02.22.03
?? TR# 5133- 442.475_WC7I_Lacey_5133_02.24.03
?? TR# 5330 - 442.675_NM7R_SoBend_5330_03.23.03
?? TR# 5117 - 442.500_K5IN_Everett_5117_04.07.03
?? TR# 5318 - 441.750_W7UDI_Bremerto_5318_01.14.02
?? TR# 5316 - 441.775_W7UDI_Rattlesn_5316_01.14.02a
?? TR# 5034 - 441.850_N6TJQ_Duvall_5034_06.05.03

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

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

?? TR# 5291- 430.425_WR7JM_Capitol_5291_03.30.01 (vote 6/0)
?? TR# 5145 - 439.975_N7FSP_BaldiMtn_5145_04.04.03 (vote 6/0)
?? TR# 5331 - 430.975_N7FSP_Seattle_5331_04.04.03 (vote 6/0)
?? TR# 5307 - 439.700_AA7UJ_Kirkland_5307_08.29.01 (vote 7/0)
?? TR# 5308 - 430.700_AA7UJ_Kirkland_5308_08.29.01 (vote 7/0)

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

900/1.2: Board actions: None.

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

NFCC: John-AA7UJ reported that elections were held for two new board members. He thinks the NFCC is still working on the ORRC/BMUG situation in Oregon. John expressed disappointment with the NFCC lately. They have failed to respond to several emails pertaining to two separate issues

OLD BUSINESS:

Review of UHF Links and Band Plans : John-AA7UJ and Jon-WR7JM will work on language for the Coordination Policies to enforce moving existing links out of the UHF repeater sub-band and into the link sub-band.

Band Plans - 900 Mhz: John-AA7UJ said he would get with Marty-WB7AFV and ensure he has something to report at the December meeting.

Coordination Policies: Steve-W7UDI was not able to attend due to a work callout.

Revised Technical Data Sheet: Completed. Roger-W6TOZ is working on a "Tech Data Sheet for Dummies" document to provide detailed information and help with filling out Technical Data Sheets.

Call for Special Meeting: Jon-AA7UJ decided not to hold a special meeting and focus on the backlog of UHF coordinations, which seems to be the cause of several of the issues needing to be discussed.

Leadership Appreciation Dinner: There was a lot of discussion on the remailer about initiating an annual dinner for those who volunteer for our group. There were several alternative suggestions other than a dinner. People seemed to favor a dinner, and agreed that prior to the end of the year, and before the holidays would be good. Herman-K7PAG moved to hold a dinner/Al-K7HW seconded. Motion carried. Mark-N6OBY will look for an viable location that is centrally located and within a ~\$20 per head budget.

NEW BUSINESS

Elections for 2004 Board Members: John-AA7UJ reminded everyone that elections for the 2004 Board would take place at the December meeting. He said it is unfortunate that the Vice-Chair/Membership Committee is not present to start the process of identifying possible candidates. John took a poll of the Band Chairs that were present and most seemed willing to continue if asked by the 2004 Board.

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The next meeting will be held on December 6, 2003 at 10:00 AM.

✍ A motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 PM.

Minutes prepared by Mark McClain-N6OBY, Secretary.