

Western Washington Amateur Relay Association

General Membership Meeting Minutes February 5, 2004

The February 5, 2004, General Membership meeting was held at Mercer Island Fire Station #91 in Mercer Island, WA. Chairman John Schurman-AA7UJ, called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Introductions were made and a sign-in sheet was circulated. In attendance were: Mark McClain-N6OBY, Bob Lewis-W7AN, John Schurman-AA7UJ, Herman Entz-K7PAG, Al Bureson-K7HW, Steve Szombathy-W7UDI, Jon Marcinko-WR7JM, Bryon Gunnerson-WB0CZA, Gene Colson-W7UVH, Ed Bruette-N7NVP, Carl Holman-K7CH, Carter Powell-W7IAG, Scott Cronk-N7FSP, and Roger Hansen-W6TOZ.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

A motion passed to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2003, General Meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mark-N6OBY reported the following:

- ✍ that he is looking into a change in our web hosting arrangement and is looking to find a platform that will allow the public website and Admin Server functions to be combined. This will allow for members and trustees to make changes to personal information, as well as view their coordinations and associated correspondence.
- ✍ The PayPal pages have been developed and awaiting for sendmail functionality to be added to the current webhosting platform.
- ✍ Technical Data Sheets that are incomplete or incorrect are being returned without trying to resolve outstanding issues via email. Improperly formatted Lat & Long is the number one issue at this time.
- ✍ Requested Band Chairs to send requests for pools at least 2 weeks prior to a meeting.
- ✍ Requested a volunteer to review and possibly modify the way the "Area Served" is applied. As a suggestion, should we choose the Area Served based on the Elevation to pick a city, county, or area. There was discussion, but nobody offered to assist.
- ✍ Steve-W7UDI is doing a great job as the UHF Repeater Band Chair. Steve's past coordination applications have always been complete, thorough, and should be used as a model for how to submit an application.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

(Roger Hansen-W6TOZ was stuck in traffic and the Treasurer's Report was delayed until he arrived.) An End-of-Year Balance Sheet and Profit/Loss statements were distributed for review, along with a current Balance Sheet and Profit/Loss ending January 31, 2004. There were no questions and a motioned carried to accept the financial report. Roger-W6TOZ reported that he is purchasing the new version of QuickBooks (2004) so he can get support from Intuit is needed.

ADJACENT AREAS:

- IACC:** Nothing reported.
- B.C.:** Pete-K7PP talked with George-VE7CHU about access to our database.
- ORRC:** Steve-W7UDI corresponded with Neil McKie-WA6KLA regarding an okay to use 441.600 on Scapoose. Steve okayed the test but asked him to re-evaluate the 1,000 watt ERP. Pete-K7PP said he is planning to have lunch with Ron-KJ7IY.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Technical:** Nothing reported.

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- 6/10 Meters:** Board actions: There were no Board actions.
A Band Chair Report was provided and Ed gave an update on the status of his Pending items.
- 2 Meters:** Board actions: There were no Board actions.
Pete-K7PP discussed the situation with 145.370. It is apparently off the air- for maybe a year- and Pete did not get a reply to a recent letter to the Trustee of record. Pete discussed his note sent to the remailer regarding comments from a member looking for a “clear” 2-meter repeater pair. The member has written the ARRL and FCC complaining that the WWARA cannot give him a clear frequency to operate a 2-meter repeater in the Puget Sound area.
A Band Chair Report was provided and Pete gave an update on the status of his Pending items.
- 220 Band:** Board actions: Previous to the meeting, the Board approved the following coordinations:
?? TR# 4011 - 224.860_N7FYU_KingMtn_4011_08.11.03
The membership had no questions and supported the approval.
A Band Chair Report was provided with updates on the status of his Pending items.
Pete-K7PP said Peter-WA7FUS could not attend the meeting due to a family medical situation.
- UHF Rptrs:** Board actions: Previous to the meeting, the Board approved the following coordinations:
?? TR# 5339 - 444.700_N7UJK_Cosmopol_5339_10.22.03
?? TR# 5317 - 441.700_W7UDI_Anacorte_5317_01.14.02
?? TR# 5047 - 444.250_W7UDI_Electron_5047_11.24.03
?? TR# 5012 - 441.475_W7AKA_Newcastl_5012_06.05.03
?? TR# 5229 - 441.100_KC7IYE_Bellevue_5229_10.02.03
The membership had no questions and supported the approval.
A Band Chair Report was provided with a list of Pending items and status.
- UHF Links:** Board actions: There were no Board actions.
The Band Chair provided a partial list of the Pending items.
- 900/1.2:** Board actions: Previous to the meeting, the Board approved the following coordinations:
?? TR# 6006 - 927.250_W7UVH_Shelton_6006_01.20.03
?? TR# 6016 - 927.275_N7WPY_Everett_6016_07.03.03
?? TR# 6017 - 927.925_K7CH_BawFaw_6017_10.02.03
?? TR# 6018 - 927.6875_W7UMH_LymanMtn_6018_10.08.03
These applications are pending completion until final approval of the revised 900 Meg Band Plan is approved. A Band Chair Report was provided with a list of Pending items.
It was requested that Gene contact those with pending applications and discuss the proposed changes to the band plan.
- 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 is turning the review over the Steve-W7UDI now that we have a permanent Band Chair.
- Review of Band Plans:** Peter-WA7FUS contacted the Secretary after the last meeting to get the known errors in the printed version of the 220 MHz Band Plan.

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Coordination Policies: Steve-W7UDI has been out of town and will try to get the final changes submitted prior to the next meeting. We are still waiting for the Band Chairs to acknowledge whether or not any corrections should be made.

NEW BUSINESS

Use of Members YahooGroups Remailer: John-AA7UJ discussed using the Members remailer as a way to streamline and speed up the final step of the coordination process- to notify member and allow a comment period.

Financial Review- rescheduled: The Financial Review will be rescheduled as soon as Roger gets the QuickBooks file restored. Herman will arrange the date within the next 2-3 weeks.

Mark-N6OBY motioned to approve the purchase of the latest QuickBooks software. The motion was seconded and carried.

It was suggested that we hold the next General Meeting in the Olympia area. Carl-K7CH offered to reserve an appropriate meeting location.

The next meeting will be held on April 3, 2004 at 10:00 AM.

A motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Minutes prepared by Mark McClain-N6OBY, Secretary.