

Western Washington Amateur Relay Association

General Membership Meeting Minutes June 3, 2004

The June 3, 2004, General Membership meeting was held at Kent Fire Dept Station #73 in Kent, WA. Chairman John Schurman-AA7UJ called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Introductions were made and a sign-in sheet was circulated. In attendance were: Mark McClain-N6OBY, John Schurman-AA7UJ, Steve Szombathy-W7UDI, Jon Marcinko-WR7JM, Al Burtleson-K7HW, Herman Entz-K7PAG, Bill Balzarini-KL7BB, Dave Axe-W7AGJ, Earl Garber-N3EG, David Swartz-KC7RRH, and Roger Hansen-W6TOZ.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

A motion carried to approve the April 3, 2004, General Meeting minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Roger-W6TOZ reviewed the current Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss statement. There were no questions and a motion carried to accept the financial report as submitted.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mark-N6OBY reported the following:

- ~~✍~~ -It looks like everyone in attendance at the meeting is either a Board Member or Regular Member.
- ~~✍~~ -Please help restore the meeting rooms we use for our General Membership meetings back to the way we found it, and make sure we don't leave trash, paperwork, or other personal items behind.
- ~~✍~~ -Asked if there was a preference as to when the meeting minutes are posted. They are generally typed and posted just prior to the next meeting
- ~~✍~~ -Regarding the Treasurer's report, which shows a YTD deficit, we have received a check from the ARRL- for the submission of our repeater data for their directory- for \$368. This will move our YTD balance positive.
- ~~✍~~ -We are looking at the possibility of hosting our public webpage and the Admin Server on a common server and placing it in a collocation facility. If anyone knows of a rack-mount server that is not too old and free or cheap, please let us know.
- ~~✍~~ -Reminder to meeting attendees- only current members can vote.

ADJACENT AREAS:

IACC: Nothing reported.

B.C.: Nothing reported.

ORRC: Steve-W7UDI had correspondence with Neil McKie-WA6KLA in reference to an effort to identify a UHF frequency that could be used for APRS on a nationwide basis.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Technical: Nothing reported.

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

TR# 2027 - 53.350_W7AGJ_Sultan_2027_12.22.03

TR# 2039 - 53.230_K7PAG_Olalla_2039_04.03.04

The membership had no questions and supported the approval.

2 Meters: Board actions: There was no Board action.

David Swartz-KC7RRH submitted correspondence regarding their co-channel agreement with the Clallam Co ARC for the addition of two remote receivers.

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- 220 Band:** Board actions: There was no Board action.
- UHF Rptrs:** Board actions: Previous to the meeting, the Board approved the following coordinations:
TR# 5149 - 444.825_W7SRZ_Bothell_5149_11.04.03
TR# 5338 - 444.950_N7UJK_Neilton_5338_09.08.03
TR# 5347 - 444.125_W7AGJ_Sultan_5347_03.31.04
The membership had no questions and supported the approval.
A Band Chair Report was provided with a list of pending items and current status.
- UHF Links:** Board actions: There was no Board action.
- 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
The membership had no questions and supported the approval.
A Band Chair Report was provided with a list of pending items and current status.
- NFCC:** Nothing discussed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Review of UHF Links and Band Plans :** Not discussed.
- Review of Band Plans:** The Secretary made one final request to the Band Chairs to review and make all necessary corrections to their respective Band Plans within 30 days. The Secretary will send the text files for each Band Plan to the Band Chairs so corrections and typographical errors can be made. There was mention that the cleaned up copies of the Band Plans would be included in a printed repeater directory that will be made available at an upcoming meeting.
- Coordination Policies:** John-AA7UJ said that changes to the Bylaws and Policies to support changes to allow the membership to vote via the YahooGroups will be completed and sent to the membership prior to the next meeting. He said it is also his intent to make a change to reduce the number of face-to-face meetings at the same time.

NEW BUSINESS

- Vacancy of Vice-Chair Position:** Most people know that Bob Lewis-W7AN has resigned his position and is moving to Dallas, TX. Al Burleson-K7HW was selected (by nomination and vote) to fill the position for the remainder of 2004.
- Response Letter to FCC:** John-AA7UJ reported that he needs to response to Riley Hollingsworth at the FCC regarding the situation with the 2-meter application from Ruffi Magbanua-AA7SS for a new repeater in Bremerton on 145.370. John is going to format a line-by-line response to Ruffi's letter. John will send a draft to the YahooGroup. Ed suggested that we ask Michael Hansen-KG7MX to review.
- Policy Changes:** Discussion took place regarding the proposed Policy changes. David-KC7RRH expressed concern about the 14 day time period for members to comment on a coordination recommendation, and that email is an impersonal way to conduct business. The WWARA agreed that this was an issue years ago when we did not have email addresses for all of our members and repeater trustees. We have email addresses today for all active participants. Al-K7HW motioned to approve the proposed changes, which passed.
- Bylaws Changes:** John-AA7UJ suggested to table this until the next meeting so everyone has a chance to review the proposed changes to the Bylaws.
- Website Project:** There has been prior discussion regarding the WWARA owning/maintaining our own web server, which could be used to support our public website and the secure site that the Board and Committees use to gain access to the coordination database. It would also be used to replace the functionality of both YahooGroups for Board activities and member

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communications. The Secretary asked those that were present to be alert for anyone disposing of or selling a useable rack-mountable server. The Secretary can arrange a long-term, low cost arrangement for placing a server in a local collocation facility. Software needs and options were also discussed. A motion carried to authorize the Secretary to spend up to \$5,000 on the purchase hardware and new software for this purpose.

A motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 PM.

The next meeting will be held on August 7, 2004 at 10:00 AM.

Minutes prepared by Mark McClain-N6OBY, Secretary.