

Western Washington Amateur Relay Association

General Membership Meeting Minutes February 3, 2005

The February 3, 2005, General Membership meeting was held at Mercer Island City Hall. Chairman John Schurman-AA7UJ called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Introductions were made and a sign-in sheet was circulated. In attendance were:

Mark McClain-N6OBY, John Schurman-AA7UJ, Pete Policani-K7PP, Steve Szombathy-W7UDI, Bill Balzarini-KL7BB, Carter Powell-N7IAG, Adrian Jones-KC7IYE, Mark McAlvey-N7WPY, Peter Dahl-WA7FUS, and Roger Hansen-W6TOZ.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mark-N6OBY reported the following...

- ✍ Data for the ARRL Repeater Directory was submitted by their Jan 15th deadline.
- ✍ The WWARA Repeater Directory project is slowly moving along and most of the Trustees have responded to the request to confirm their coordination location (Lat/Long) info. The database is being updated with the many corrections that have been submitted to date. This project has brought out the fact that approximately 30 percent of the email addresses in the database are invalid.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Roger-W6TOZ presented the 2004 Year End Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss statements. He pointed out that the Net Income for 2004 was -\$130.94. The loss for the year was in line with the projections that were made when we decided to lower the Dues and Fees last year. Roger also distributed a Month to Date Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement. A motion carried to accept the financial reports as submitted.

ADJACENT AREAS:

ORRC John-AA7UJ said the ORRC floated a revised 900 Meg Band Plan for our review. Steve-W7UDI said he has been working with Neil McKie on coordination activity.

Adrian Jones-KC7IYE complained to John-AA7UJ that he heard "Newslink being broadcasted on his repeater frequency along with a callsign. It is apparently coming from a repeater in Wilsonville, OR and is likely tropospheric ducting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Technical: Nothing reported.
6/10 Meters: Ed-N7NVP had no activity and no Pending applications to report on.
2 Meters: Pete-K7PP distributed a Band Chair report and provided an update on the 2-meter Pending items.
220 Band: Peter-WA7FUS had no activity in the last period.
UHF Rptrs: Steve-W7UDI reviewed his Band Chair Report.
UHF Links: Jon-WR7JM was not at the meeting and no Band Chair Report was provided.
900/1.2: Mark-N7WPY provided a Band Chair report and covered.
NFCC: John-AA7UJ said there has been some activity on their email remailer discussing what the NFCC does. The emails indicated that

Western Washington Amateur Relay Association

OLD BUSINESS:

Review of UHF Links and Band Plans : Steve-W7UDI said he received a list from Mark-N6OBY with about 23 coordinations that are for link-related systems operating on frequency pairs in the repeater sub-band. Steve is starting to contact the coordination that are coming up for renewal and is planning to draft a form letter to send to the Trustee's holding active coordinations.

1.2GHz Wideband Digital: John-AA7UJ will get with Mark-N7WPY to work some more on this. John said that this was a perfect example of an issue that the NFCC should take on.

Review of Band Plans: Mark-N6OBY reported that he has received a validated band plan for 10m/6m from Ed, and the 440 plan from Steve. 220 is needed as well as 2m.

NEW BUSINESS

Financial Review: John-AA7UJ said we need a "member at large" to head up the Financial Review Committee. We are already out of compliance with our Bylaws by not completing this by tonight's meeting. Steve-W7UDI motioned to extend the completion of the financial review until the April 2nd meeting. Bill-KL7BB seconded and the motion carried. Steve also offered to chair the committee if we cannot find a *member at large* to head up this effort.

Table at Mike & Key Swapmeet: A discussion took place about organizing a table at the flea market. There were concerns about getting enough interest and commitment to man a table. Someone needs to check with Marty-WB7AFV to see if he will be available and wants to run RF plots. Bill-KL7BB will check with Marty and update everyone on the remainder.

A motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM.

The next meeting will be held on April 2nd, 2005 at 10:00 AM, at the Shoreline Conference Center in conjunction with the 2005 Communications Academy.

Minutes prepared by Mark McClain-N6OBY, Secretary.