

Western Washington Amateur Relay Association

General Membership Meeting Minutes April 2, 2005

The April 2, 2005, General Membership meeting was held at the Shoreline Conference Center. Chairman John Schurman-AA7UJ called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Introductions were made and a sign-in sheet was circulated. In attendance were:
Mark McClain-N6OBY, John Schurman-AA7UJ, Steve Szombathy-W7UDI, Peter Dahl-WA7FUS,
Mark McAlvey-N7WPY, Brian Horst-K5IN, Earl Garber-N3EG, Al Burleson-K7HW, Herman Entz-
K7PAG, Jon Marcinko-WR7JM, Roger Hansen-W6TOZ, and Bill Balzarini-KL7BB.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Roger-W6TOZ covered the current financial statements and pointed out a few highlights. So far this year, expenses have been slightly higher than income, but should even out as move through the year.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mark-N6OBY reported that the WWARA workload has been a little higher than usual and that it has been a struggle to keep current.

ADJACENT AREAS:

Steve-W7UDI said he continues to work with Neil McKie on routine coordination activity. Steve has also talked with George Merchant with BCARCC regarding a UHF pair for an autopatch link.

John-AA7UJ asked if anyone is interested in attending the annual BCARCC meeting which is coming up. Contact John if you would like to carpool to Vancouver, BC.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Technical: John-AA7UJ asked if anyone knew how Marty did at the Mike & Key swapmeet. Several people said he was keeping busy.

6/10 Meters: Ed-N7NVP submitted a Band Chair prior to the meeting, but was involved in the Communications Academy and could not make it into the meeting.

2 Meters: Pete-K7PP submitted a Band Chair prior to the meeting, but was not able to attend.

220 Band: Peter-WA7FUS submitted a Band Chair report and reviewed his Pending items. Peter asked about an application from Jerry Aceto-K6LIE for a carrier squelch operation. John-AA7UJ said the coordination must specify some form of "receiver access" such as PL, but he could operate in carrier mode unless there was interference. Peter also asked about an application that is requesting coordination protection for a receiver on 223.660 at a given location. There was discussion about the fact that our Tech Data Sheets allow for receiver tracking, but that we do not coordinate them. The frequency for this particular request is outside of the repeater sub-band, so we wouldn't coordinate (or track) it in this case.

UHF Rptrs: Steve-W7UDI submitted and reviewed his Band Chair Report. Peter-WA7FUS asked Steve about the 444.725-WA7UFR repeater, which doesn't appear to be on the air. It is believed that one of the system owners moved to Arizona. John-AA7UJ said a letter should be sent to the Trustee of record for confirmation and possibility of starting the "off-the-air" clock.

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- UHF Links:** Jon-WR7JM submitted and reviewed his Band Chair Report. There was discussion about old applications and that they should be cancelled.
- 900/1.2:** Mark-N7WPY provided a Band Chair report and reviewed the Pending items.
- NFCC:** John-AA7UJ said that the NFCC has not help elections and they are out of compliance with their bylaws.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1.2GHz Wideband Digital:** Mark-N7WPY said he talked with Al Muir with BCARCC and they are comparing notes. A group on Vancouver Is is planning to install a D-Star system. Mark plans to talk to Icom and get an update on their current D-Star format. Mark is also expecting a letter from the N. California group with what they are doing.
- Financial Review:** The Financial Review for 2004 still needs to be completed. Bill-KL7BB said he would check with a Federal Way ham that might offer to lead this. A motion was made/seconded/carried to extend the deadline for the Review until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- SNP Operators:** Steve-W7UDI asked about SNP operation that is out of compliance and causing harmful interference to the other SNP operators. A repeater on one of the SNP pairs- operated by Ruff Magbanua-AA7SS- is operating with too much power, no PL, and linking to EchoLink. This is in violation with Part 97, as well as the WWARA Coordination Policies. Al-K7HW is going to attempt to contact Ruff and provide some advice. John-AA7UJ said the group that is being interfered with should write a letter to the FCC and copy the WWARA. Steve said that Pete-K7PP said that he has received reports of harmful interference from more than one SNP operator.
- Other:** Steve-W7UDI asked about sharing data with ORRC and is in discussions with Neil.

A motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 11:29 AM.

The next meeting will be held on June 2nd, 2005 at 7:00 PM.

Minutes prepared by Mark McClain-N6OBY, Secretary.