

Western Washington Amateur Relay Association

General Membership Meeting Minutes February 2, 2006

The February 2, 2006, General Membership meeting was held at the Mercer Island Fire Station #91, Mercer Island, WA. Chairman John Schurman-AA7UJ called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Introductions were made and a sign-in sheet was circulated. In attendance were: John Schurman-AA7UJ, Roger Hansen-W6TOZ, Mark McClain-N6OBY, Steve Szombathy-W7UDI, Pete Policani-K7PP, Carter Powell-W7IAG, Rick Beatty-NU7Z, Mark McAlvey-W7WPY, Bill Balzarini-KL7BB, Herman Entz-K7PAG, Bill Rourke-W7ERH, and Bill Painter-N7AOB.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

A motion carried to approve the December 3, 2005, General Meeting minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Roger-W6TOZ submitted a current Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss statements for 2005, as well as current statements ending January 31, 2006. A motion carried to approve the Treasurer's Report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- ? Mark-N6OBY circulated a draft copy of the 2006 WWARA Board and Committee Contacts for review and asked for corrections.
 - ? Membership is down due to the end of year cycle and people being slow to pay their annual dues.
 - ? Mark read an email he received from Carter Powell-W7IAG asking if he could get an updated copy of our Repeater Directory "if it's not too much trouble". Mark commented about the politeness of Carter's email and also pointed out that Carter has made arrangements with the Mercer Island Fire Dept to host 5 of WWARA meetings in 2005 including the supply of refreshments. Mark suggested that the WWARA recognizes a "WWARA Member of the Year", and recommended Carter-W7IAG for the WWARA Member of 2005 for his contributions.
 - ? The transition of Secretary duties to Steve-W7UDI has not happened yet, and is pending the handoff of UHF Band Chair duties from Steve-W7UDI to Rick-NU7Z.
 - ? John-AA7UJ commented that it is very important for the Band Chairs to get their Reports submitted to the Secretary a week prior to a General Membership meeting. He said he will be contacting the Band Chairs not present to reinforce this requirement.
- A motion to approve the Secretary's Report was carried.

ADJACENT AREAS:

Pete-K7PP said that the Oregon group is handling their application and renewal process a little differently these days. The ORCC sends a form to the applicant and co-channel operators. The co-channel operators have to return the completed form prior to the ORCC authorizing any testing by the applicant. John-AA7UJ asked Pete to get us a form for review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Technical: No report.

6/10 Meters: Ed-N7NVP was not able to attend the meeting and has no Pending items.

2 Meters: Pete-K7PP reviewed his report. He asked members to see if a repeater can be raised in the Tacoma area on 145.45. This is where AI-K7HW has applied and it appears that a previously coordinated repeater on this pair may have returned to operation. Pete also commented that he has been corresponding with a guy in Oregon who is looking for a 2-meter pair for use near Camas at a high elevation site. The guy is complaining to Pete

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about not being helpful in recommending a frequency, and doesn't seem to understand that the only option is to find someone who is agreeable to a co-channel arrangement. Pete will write up a suggestion for handling co-channel arrangements.

- 220 Band:** Peter-WA7FUS had nothing to report.
UHF Rptrs: Steve-W7UDI reviewed his report and will be transitioning his files and information to Rick-NU7Z.
UHF Links: Jon-K7KG was not able to attend the meeting and submitted no report.
900/1.2: Mark-N7WPY reviewed his Band Chair report and issues
NFCC: John-AA7UJ said the NFCC had their elections, but never certified them or posted the results. John hopes the NFCC finds a purpose someday.

OLD BUSINESS:

- UHF Links in repeater sub-band:** Jon-K7KG was not present and nothing was reported.
Financial Review: Roger-W6TOZ needs to call Daniel-KL7WM and arrange a day and place to hold the review. Steve-W7UDI said he would secure a suitable location.
Financial- CD Purchase: Roger-W6TOZ presented a report of CD accounts available at BofA and some analysis on our income vs. expenses and projected cash needs in 2006. It was decided to discuss under New Business.
Web equipment: John-AA7UJ reported that we picked up the donation of server equipment from his brother. We need to write an acknowledgement letter and thank him for the donation.
Meetings: John-AA7UJ said there is Board approval of the recommendation to change how many General Membership meeting are held each year from 6 to 4. The memberships voted in favor. This would make our meetings on the first Saturday in March, June, September, and December.

NEW BUSINESS

Financial: Mark-W7WPY motioned to amend the motion made at the December meeting to authorize the Treasurer to purchase a CD as described on Line one in Roger's analysis report, for a 5-month, risk-free CD and authorize up to and including \$10,000. The motion carried. Steve-W7UDI motioned to direct the Treasurer to review our banking status with BofA compared to other banks. The motion carried.

Other: Bill-KL7BB asked if we want a table at this year's Mike & Key event. It was decided that we would have a table to sign up members and hand out Repeater Directories.

Pete -K7PP introduced Mike Ping-N3KPU from McCord AFB.

The next meeting will be held on February 2nd, 2006 at 7:00 PM.

A motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:41 AM.

Minutes prepared by Mark McClain-N6OBY, Database Manager and acting Secretary.