

WWARA General Meeting 4 Dec 2010

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Mark McAlvey - W7MLR,	Randall Self - KE7RTD,	Peter Dahl - WA7FUS,
Nick Winter - K7MO,	Herman Entz - K7PAG,	Al Burlison - K7HW,
Bob Heselberg - K7MXE,	Jack Hegseth - K7DBU,	Doyle Wenzel - N7UJK
Frank Wolfe - NM7R,	Stan Nelson - K7DKK,	Casey Hicks - WW7CH,
Mike Ping - N3KPU,	Dave Swartz - KC7RRH,	David Gutierrez - WA6PMX,
N7SS – Scott Honaker,	Tim Osburn, W7RSZ	Steve Van Wambeck, N9VW
Roger Hansen - W6TOZ	Bill Balzarini - KL7BB	Steve Szombathy W7UDI

Absences: Excused / Unexcused

None / None

In accordance with Article IX, Section 3a of the bylaws, a quorum was present.

The Meeting was started at 10:15AM at the SEATAC Fire Station Training room at 2929 S200th St.

Introductions were made as the agenda and Officers reports were handed out.

Previous meeting minutes were approved as posted on the website.

The printed agenda was not followed. The chair chose to do Band Chair reports first.

Band Chair (BC) reports:

2m Band Chair reported a conflict between two coordination applicants on 146.700. One is a D-STAR station in Bellingham and the other, an analog FM station near Eatonville. Action was tabled until the two parties can achieve a co-channel agreement.

220 Band Chair reported that 224.56/r went to board member polls.

440 Band Chair reported several applications have gone to board member polls. There remains a large backlog of coordination applications in PENDING status.

33/23 cm Band chair had no report.

Treasurer's Report: the treasurer presented Profit/Loss and account Balance sheets. The IRS 990 form has been submitted and accepted by the IRS.

Secretary's Report:

A discussion of the need for a formal WWARA logo and the acquisition of a WWARA banner followed. A motion to acquire a banner was made by N7LMT. The motion was seconded and passed. KG6GEU will explore the creation of the LOGO.

ELECTION of WWARA OFFICERS for 2011

Scott Honaker, N7SS, the 2010 Vice Chair and membership chairman conducted the election of officers.

The following nominations were made: Bold-type candidates were elected by the members present:

Chairman: **NM7R, Frank Wolfe**

Vice Chair: **N7SS Scott Honaker,**

Secretary: **W6TOZ Roger Hansen**

Treasurer: **WA7FUS Peter Dahl**

Director:

Position #1 **WR5J, Curt Black, W7ZF Herb Holman, K7VE, John Hays**

Position #3 **KG6GEU, Brian Hoyer**

Note: Position 1 is for King/Pierce/Snohomish County and

Position 3 is for outside those counties

The term of office is two years for Directors.

OLD BUSINESS:

There has been no activity toward the change to coordination expiration dates to a common date for the coordination holders. The Secretary has an editable copy of the Tech Data Sheet for modification to specify an expiration date..

A discussion of modernization of the coordination process was informally presented by Peter Dahl, WA7FUS. The discussion involves revising the coordination process to having no expiration dates and elimination of separate annual dues. Frank Wolfe NM7R added comments about on-line data entry of coordination applications (Tech data sheets). The Chairman tabled this discussion in favor of higher priority business.

It was MSP to proceed with selectable expiration dates for coordinations.

A consensus opinion was expressed to continue with the effort to put coordination certificates on-line and cease publishing printed certificates. As this appeared to be within our by-laws and procedures, no motion was necessary

NARROW-BAND OPTIONS PRESENTATION

Scott Honaker presented a discussion of options to provide narrow-band channels in the 440 MHz band. Scott gave out copies of a 4-page handout explaining definitions, conditions and two implementation options. A third option was presented afterward.

OPTION 1 – Create 12 ½ KHz splinter channels between existing wide band users.

OPTION 2 – Convert open wideband channels to narrowband by shifting channel center frequencies by 6.25 KHz.

OPTION 3 – Convert the entire 440-450 spectrum to narrow-band channels.

An intense discussion followed.

It was MSP to, as an experiment, administer 441.2 thru 441.3 as narrow band channels for D-STAR. The only issues are two coordinated analog channels at Crawford Mtn (near Tenino) and Jefferson County. Due to geography, Jefferson County's coordination will probably not be an issue.

NEXT MEETING:

The **next meeting will be March 5, 2011 at** Sea-Tac Fire Station 45, 2929 So 200th St
SeaTac, WA

MEETING ADJOURNED: 14:15 hours

Respectfully Submitted

Roger Hansen (signed)

Roger Hansen, W6TOZ
2010 Secretary Pro Tempore