

## WWARA General Meeting 18 June 2011 Meeting Minutes

### Attendees:

Bill Balzarini, KL7BB	Dick Bohannon, W7CTR	John Hays, K7VE
Frank Wolfe, NM7R	Doyle Wenzel, N7UJK	Mark McAlvey, W7LMR
Steve Szombathy, W7UD	Roger Hansen, W6TOZ	Peter Dahl, WA7FUS
Bill Harris, W7KXB		

### Absences:

#### Excused

Tim Osburn, W7RSZ, Mike Ping, N3KPU, Bryan Hoyer, KG7GEU , Steve Van Wambeck, N9VW, Scott Honaker, N7SS

#### Unexcused

Jim Etwiler, KD7BAT, Herman Entz,

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

The Meeting was called to order at 10:03AM at the SEATAC Fire Station Training room at 2929 S. 200th St., SEATAC, Wa

Introductions were made while the agenda and committee reports were handed out.

**Treasurer's Report:** the treasurer presented Profit/Loss and account Balance sheets in the handout package.

**Secretary's report.** – Reading of the previous meetings minutes was waived by the members present as the minutes were in the handout package. MSP to accept the meeting minutes as presented in the handouts.

The correspondence log was not presented as the mail is being picked up and sorted by the treasurer , who forwards only those received items pertinent to coordination. An accurate correspondence log is not possible in this process. Security permissions were established for the Certificate of Coordination PDF files. The recipient can print the file, but not change the contents of the file.

**Adjacent Areas:** - KG6GEU is the British Columbia Liaison and was not present to report/comment on activity in BC. It was noted that May 29<sup>th</sup> was their annual (only) meeting. No one from WWARA attended.

### **Band Chair (BC) reports:**

Each band chair reviewed his list of PENDING coordination applications. The 2M BC was absent but had three updates presented by the secretary. The 440 BC was present and is working on reducing the backlog of PENDING applications. The Chair commented that very old PENDING applications should be cancelled, but that there was nothing in the policies or bylaws yet to provide direction.

**Database Enhancement Committee** K7VE reported that his primary occupation was at a high level and prevented him from putting much effort in this past quarter. One meeting was held and a 'copy' of the data base was transmitted to K7VE for study. He is hopeful that this quarter will allow time for more progress.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Digital signatures of Coordination Certificates – KG6GEU was absent - this issue is tabled until the September meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. MSP to deny **linking of our website** to <http://www.weathershack.com> Weathershack is a commercial site selling weather station equipment and is not directly in support of amateur radio.
2. **Secretary vs. Secretary and Database Administrator.** Presented by W6TOZ. There was a lengthy discussion after W6TOZ asked that the division of duties take place and the Secretary do secretarial duties and the Data Base Administrator (separate from the Manager's job) enter, and maintain the database content. W6TOZ declared that the computerization of the old manual-method of coordination administration added work load (transcribing). The advantages of adding the internet availability to the database cannot take place in the current situation.

The Chair presented an alternative solution in that with the revised database, the applicants will be doing the data entry and data update functions on-line. This will reduce the secretary's workload as presented here. These changes will require a change in the policies and maybe the bylaws.

The chair declared that the policies/bylaws need to be updated to reflect the way the WWARA is currently doing business, especially in light of the enhanced WWARA database. The issue was tabled indefinitely.

3. **'CLOSED' repeaters – Publish or maintain privacy:** This issue came up as a part of item 2 above. The members present MSP that CLOSED repeaters will be published and the ARRL notes field will contain the ARRL code ('c') for closed repeaters, when published.
4. KL7BB announced the availability of a list of open frequencies on the 2m and 440 band. The list is in a form that can be downloaded to most modern ICOM radios. The list was composed by kerchunking each channel with all CTCSS tones. When no response was heard, that frequency was added to the list.
5. WA7FUS recommended posting the agenda and band reports on the website and not handing out paper at the meeting as was done today. A question not asked was how soon prior to the meeting date should the agenda, treasurer's report and BC reports be submitted to the secretary so they can be scanned and posted on the web site. No action was taken on this change by the members.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The **next meeting will be 1000 hours, Sept. 17, 2011 at Sea-Tac Fire Station 45, 2929 So 200th St SeaTac, WA**

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 12:05 PM**

Respectfully Submitted

*Roger Hansen* (signed)

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2011 WWARA Secretary