

W.W.A.R.A. – General Meeting Minutes June 18, 2016

Al Burleson – K7HW	Kenny Richards – KU7M	Rob Lee – K7TGU
Scott Honaker – N7SS	Doyle Wenzel – N7UJK	Peter Dahl – WA7FUS
Rob Salsgiver – NR30	Bill McGuire – N7MTC	Frank Wolf – NM7R
Steve VanWambeck – N9VW	Ken Sousa – N7AXJ	Chris Burton – K6CB

Absences

Stan Nelson, K7DKK

In accordance with Article IX, Section 3a of the bylaws, a quorum was present. The meeting was called to order at 10:08am at the Tukwila Fire Station #51. Introductions were made and by a motion the minutes of the February 21, 2016 general meeting was approved, as posted on the website.

Officer's Reports

Treasurer Report:

- WA7FUS submitted summary of accounts, full details are available upon request.
- In the last quarter payments were made for the yearly renewal of the PO box and the SecOfState corporate dues.
- Current assets total \$17,665.53
- KU7M made a motion that the WWARA make another \$1500 donation to the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) fund via the ARRL. Motion was moved and seconded, all voted to approve the donation.

Secretary Report:

- All TDS received prior to the morning of the meeting have been processed.
- All Certificates of Coordination's approved in the last three months have been sent to trustees.
- Discussed proposal for adding CHIRP formatted file to the CSV archive on the WWARA website. All in attendance like the idea, so this will be done in the coming month. Another ham wrote the software to transform the CSV file to the format CHiRP consumes.
- WA7FUS made a motion to remove the link to the PDF coordination list on the WWARA website until such time as it can be automatically updated. Some people have recently been confused because it is several months out of date. Motion seconded and approved. Secretary will make the request to webmaster.

Committee Reports

IACC/BCARCC/ORRC

- BCARCC – WA7FUS reported some interactions over the last couple months on 220 repeaters. WA7FUS reported that more of the Canadian repeaters are getting CCTSS tones.
- ORRC – NM7R had discussions with group about coordinating a repeater in the WWARA area to service Portland users. NM7R referred them to the website and documentation on the process.
- NM7R reported some activity from the defunct National Repeater Coordination group, which has all but died except for the Yahoo! Group. The activity was on the recent ARRL decision to endorse the RFinder (<http://www.rfinder.net/blog/>) website. The RFinder site claims to be a worldwide repeater directory, but is not working with local coordination bodies. Instead allows anybody to 'create' an entry .

6/10 Meters – Frank Wolfe, NM7R

- Submitted band report available on Yahoo! member reflector.

- Currently three coordination applications in pipeline, two are currently posted for polling.

2 Meters – Peter Dahl, WA7FUS

- Submitted band report available on Yahoo! member reflector.
- Two applications recently coordinated (W7FEL & K7CST), two more are currently in testing period and two more are in proposed state (not on the air yet).

220 – Peter Dahl, WA7FUS

- Submitted band report available on Yahoo! member reflector.
- Two applications recently coordinated. Currently one in testing period and two more proposed (not on the air yet).

440/430 Repeaters & Links – 440 Band Committee

- There were four applications recently put to the board for approval, before going out for public comment.
- Some questions about TR#5658. (Application is nine months old, poor communication and no confirmation on the air yet)

900 / 1.2Ghz – Scott Honaker, N7SS

- One active 927Mhz application, which is active on the air and close to ready for testing period to start.
- No 1.2Ghz applications

Database Enhancement Committee – Kenny Richards, KU7M

- Added second CSV file to archive produced nightly that includes all proposed and pending applications. This will help new applications to identify open frequency pairs.
- Will request PDF file be removed from site until it can be regularly updated.

Old Business:

Technical Committee – NM7R

- No updates on membership

Proposal for re-defining 70cm packet repeater sub-band – KU7M

- Reviewed proposal for re-allocating four wide analog FM channels for packet repeaters to seven narrow band digital channels. (440.700-440.775)
- Proposal has been discussed at last two quarterly general meetings. Formal proposal made to member's reflector in April, requesting comments. A copy was also posted to local digital group (WetNet) for comment, since they are most likely group impacted.
- N9VW pointed out 'math' error in proposal. There is not eight new channels being created, but only seven. KU7M pointed out that dozens of people have reviewed it and Steve is first to noticed. Update was corrected per N9VW's comment. Does not fundamentally change proposal.
- N9VW asked if some of the channels should be further sub-divided into 6.25 khz pairs. This was discussed and all agreed we shouldn't at this time.
- N7SS made a motion to approve the proposal, NM7R seconded. Proposal was approved by all in attendance.

New Business

None

Next Meeting: September 17, 2016 / Tukwila Fire Station #51 / Time: 10am – 12pm

Adjourn Meeting: 11:27AM