

## W.W.A.R.A. – General Meeting Minutes March 4, 2017

Jack Prendergast – N7JAP	Kenny Richards – KU7M	Ken Sousa – N7AXJ
Peter Dahl – WA7FUS	Rob Salsgiver, NR30	Doyle Wenzel, N7UJK
Frank Wolf – NM7R	Scott Honaker – N7SS	Daniel Stevens, KL7WM

### Absences

Rob Lee - K7TGU, Stan Nelson – K7DKK

In accordance with Article IX, Section 3a of the bylaws, a quorum was present. The meeting was called to order at 10:02am at the Tukwila Fire Station #51. Introductions were made and by a motion the minutes of the December 3, 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.
- Completed donation to STEM via ARRL for \$1500
- Current assets total \$16,286.43

#### 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 will be e-mail by 3/6/17.  
*(NOTE: This has been completed)*
- Another e-mailing will be sent to all trustee's with coordination's which have expired in the last 6 months and those due to expire in the next 90 days by the end of the month.
- ARRL submission was completed in early February for the repeater guide via RFinder. See DB update report below for more information on changes.
- Beginning in early February a PDF version of all current coordinated repeaters is now available via the WWARA website. The list is updated nightly and should be in sync with the CSV file published each day.

Special thanks to **John Hayes, K7VE** for writing the script to generate the PDF file.

### Committee Reports

#### IACC/BCARCC/ORRC

- ORRC – NM7R will follow up with ORCC chairman on status of the Shelton interference reports.

#### 6/10 Meters – Frank Wolfe, NM7R

- Submitted band report attached to minutes.
- There is currently a single 10m repeater that has applied for coordination.

#### 2 Meters – Peter Dahl, WA7FUS

- Submitted band report available on Yahoo! member reflector and attached to minutes.
- There are nine active coordination applications on file, with two that are up for board vote and should be out for public comment in the next couple days.
- KL7WM offered to follow up with KD7IIQ about Mossyrock application, which has now been active for nearly 18 months. If no updates or forward progress made, recommend cancelling application. New one can be submitted when more progress has been made.

#### 220 – Peter Dahl, WA7FUS

- Submitted band report available on Yahoo! member reflector and attached to minutes.
- There are five active coordination applications on file.

#### 440/430 Repeaters & Links – 440 Band Committee

- Submitted band report attached to minutes.
- There are 12 active coordination applications on file. Five are new applications made in the last month and several having entered their 90-day testing period.
- This is the ‘cleanest’ the 70cm band had been in years, NR30 has done a great job cleaning up the 70cm band!
- NR30 reported a similar problem as the 2m band chair with a Mossyrock 70cm application. Agreement of those present that the application should be cancelled (was originally submitted on 11/01/15), unless immediately ready to enter testing phase. Will give KD7IIQ a week to update.

#### 900 / 1.2Ghz – Scott Honaker, N7SS

- Submitted band report attached to minutes.
- One 927Mhz repeater in proposed status, which is still awaiting installation.
- No 1.2Ghz applications

#### Database Enhancement Committee – Kenny Richards, KU7M

- As part of the requirement to submit our data to the ARRL this year, we were required to provide latitude and longitude for all coordination’s.
  - Per our policies, the WWARA is only able to provide exact coordinates if granted permission via trustee.
  - Currently only about 30% of the coordination’s have granted this permission.
    - NOTE: While the overall number is 30%, this is more a fact of renewal rates. More than 95% of TDS renewals and new applications are granting permission.
- To satisfy the new requirement the WWARA will provide ‘fuzzed’ coordinates for any repeater that hasn’t provided expressed permission. This means the latitude and longitude will be rounded to two decimal places for any repeater that we have not received permission to publish the exact location. The fuzzed values places the location within 10 miles of the actual location.
- RFinder has promised a new API’s that will allow us to update their system in real time, but no documentation has been provided yet. Ultimately we should be able to provide updated information through out the year, rather than just once.

### **Old Business:**

#### Technical Committee – NM7R

- No updates on membership or volunteers
- NM7R proposed the band chairs become the defacto technical committee
- Recommended a new section be added to the website, the admin will await a request with the new content.

#### Update on WWARA Donation for STEM via ARRL – WA7FUS

- The donation was completed last quarter.

### Update on RFinder activities and ARRL repeater guild – NM7R

- Submission completed in Feb 2017.
- WA7FUS went through the 2m, 220 & 6m listings, addressing the bogus entries.
  - All requests to delete bogus entries were accepted, longest took 24 hrs to update.
  - Still need to review 70cm and higher bands.
  - NM7R asked that we track the time required to ‘clean up’ the RFinder data and time taken to support the new submission process.

### Coordination Policy Changes

- The proposed changes were reviewed during the Dec 2016 meeting and posted with the minutes to the general membership reflector.
- Updates to Section 6 are to address coordination applications, which are not currently supported by the existing policies, but band chair and/or board, agree should be coordinated. The additional language provides the band chair the ability to attach mutually agreed upon requirements to the coordination.
  - Discussion reviewed the situation currently in front of the board and all agreed this proposed change address the special needs situations, which come up, but are not common enough to be addressed specifically in the coordination policies.
  - Motion to accept changes to Section 6 made by NR30, seconded by KL7WM. All approved.
- Updates to Section 13 are to address changes for how coordination applications are processed. The current policy language is no longer inline with the electronic submission process and addresses when everything was done via paper.
  - KL7WM pointed out that in addition to changes in Section 13, there were two additional places which call out the “correspondence log”. (Section 12, item B and Section 17, item B). Recommended that the proposal be amended to make the same substitutions as proposed in Section 13.
  - No further discussion. Motion to accept changes, with the amendments, made by N7SS and seconded by KL7WM. All approved.

## **New Business**

### Yahoo! Groups and Possible Alternatives

- NR30 open the discussion on whether Yahoo! was still the right choice for hosting the WWARA member and Board of Director groups.
  - Change of ownership may cause changes in services
  - There are existing bugs with regard to the polling process that have never been addressed.
- All agreed that we might need to find a new home, but we should look for replacement before abandoning the existing services.

**Next Meeting:** June 17, 2017 / Tukwila Fire Station #51 / Time: 10am – 12pm

**Adjourn Meeting:** 12:01PM

2 meter Band Chair Report  
March 2017

**Pending and Proposed**

145.41	WB7DOB	Crystal Mt	Testing – not yet on Crystal
146.64	K7DKK	Tacoma	On the air
146.88	KF7BJI	Tiger Mt E	In test period
147.12	KH6VM	Everett	Appears to be on the air but no recent email
146.4375	N7FDM	Lookout Mt	In test period
145.39	KF7WZK	Port Orchard	Testing on bench as per last email
146.605	KU7M	Cougar Mt	awaiting configuration and installation
146.92	KD7IIQ	Mossyrock	no recent communication response
147.20	N7KFJ	Rattlesnake Mt	Polling
145.23	KL7WM	Baldi	awaiting snow melt to begin testing

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224.20	W7TJL	Tacoma	under construction – awaiting parts
224.44	KF7BJI	Cougar Mt	burning in xtals, spring installation
224.08	K5IN	BawFaw	awaiting snow melt
224.28	K5IN	Green Mt	awaiting snow melt
224.88	K5IN	Baldi	awaiting snow melt

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NEW PROVIDED BY KU7M / Report ran on Fri Mar 3 20:25:34 PST 2017

3and Report Requested: 29

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Status | TDS Link | TDS # | Date Last Updated | Testing Date | Date Submitted

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PENDING | 29.6800\_W7RNB\_Edmonds\_1005\_20170210.pdf | 1005 | 2017-02-10 14:25:51-08 | | 2017-02-10

3and Report Requested: 902

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All Proposed Coordinations

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Status | TDS Link | TDS # | Date Last Updated | Testing Date | Date Submitted

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PROPOSED | 927.8500\_W7AAO\_ThreeSisters\_6051\_20140906.pdf | 6051 | 2014-09-20 15:18:02-07 | | 2014-09-15

440 Band Chair Report

Submitted by NR30 / KU7M

Date2Followup

		<p>11/01/15: KGR - Proposed new Fusion repeater. ETA on air is 1/15/16. Don't have hardware yet and no co-channel agreement was submitted. Suggested strongly to follow up with Olympia repeater trustee.</p> <p>2/22/16: RSS - pinged with follow-up info request. Wait 1 week for answer.</p> <p>03/14/16: KGR - Pinged again and introduced RSS as new chair. Technically has until 5/19/16 to have rptr on air before application cancelled.</p> <p>04/04/16: RSS - Email ping for update by 4/8/16. 2nd or 3rd time with no response. If none this time will include pending cancellation due to lack of contact.</p> <p>04/11/16: RSS - Emailed pending cancellation notice for lack of contact. Will try to call sometime this week before Friday.</p> <p>04/13/16: RSS - Received response 4/13 and call 4/12. Had not been monitoring email. Sent additional email addresses and phone numbers to contact via (206-878-2705 Home, 206-799-8514 My Cell and 206-799-8515 Wife's Cell). Expect to have repeater on the air for testing by end of month. Does not seem well organized.</p> <p>06/13/16: RSS - Emailed for update. Was supposed to be on the air by the end of April.</p> <p>8/16/16: RSS - Emailed for update. Last update was non-committal. Sent 2nd email regarding power output calculations and intended coverage area. Asked for input/revisions to TDS and ETA to complete as it was supposed to be done by Jan 2016.</p> <p>11/6/16: RSS - Emailed for update. Pinged him hard. Still not in testing period, RF not finalized. Been a pain to get updates from. Was supposed to be online Jan 2016. Suggested we may need to cancel TDS and resubmit when ready.</p> <p>2/19/17: RSS - pinged for an update on 2/19/17. Will see what comes back.</p>	<p>2/25/17</p>
5677	443.800_WA7LM_MossyRock_5658_20151023.pdf	<p>07/16/16: RSS - TDS received</p> <p>7/14/16: RSS - TDS received. Sent email for actual on-air date.</p> <p>10/11/16: RSS - Sent follow-up email to find out if more help / info on frequency selection is needed or if issue is resolved. Missed response email from 8/21/16. Need to keep an eye on this, follow-up, and close out. Band chair dropped the ball on this one.</p>	<p>10/14/2016</p>
5682	444.875_KI7SAP_PortOrchard_5682_20160901	<p>9/12/16: RSS - TDS received 9/1/16 to Kenny. Operational by 2/1/17. South Kitsap club</p> <p>2/19/17: RSS - sent follow-up email to see where they are with the machine.</p>	<p>2/25/2017</p>
5684	441.875_WC7T_BuckMtn_5684_20160912	<p>10/8/16: KGR - TDS received, relocated Everett repeater (TR: 5528) to Buck. Repeater on air and recommend start testing as of 9/12</p> <p>10/11/16: RSS - sent initial follow-up email. Testing period to end 12/12/16.</p> <p>1/19/17: RSS - Sent 90 day update email. Ok to move to board vote ONLY after a positive confirmation is received AND the DSQ code for the Fusion repeater is updated on the TDS.</p> <p>2/6/16: RSS - received update. DSQ code is 023. Howard's new email is k7uid@comcast.net. Moved repeater to board vote. Forwarded email update to Kenny.</p> <p>2/15/17: RSS - moved to 14 day comment period to end March 1st.</p>	<p>3/2/17</p>
5686	441.125_WB0CZA_Sequim_5686_20160816.pdf	<p>11/12/16: KGR - Relocated machine from Buck Mtn. Suppose to be on air by 01/2017</p> <p>11/15/16: KGR - Updated note from Bryon, ETA now 03/2017</p>	<p>03/14/17</p>
5687	444.300_WA7WKT_WTiger_5687_20161105	<p>11/13/16: KGR - Relocated machine from Buck Mtn. On air now (11/05)</p> <p>2/19/17: RSS - Sent email note to determine status and if any problems have been heard. If all ok can end 90 day testing period and take to board vote.</p> <p>2/20/17: RSS - Received update from Nick that all is well and in final RF config. May redo antenna at some point in the distant future but will let us know if/when that happens. No reports of problems. Moved to board vote.</p>	<p>02/28/17</p>
5688	441.600_K7KFM_Chehalis_5688_20161105	<p>11/13/16: KGR - New repeater, ETA on the air is 12/1/16</p> <p>1/19/17: RSS - check-in email to see if online to start 90 day testing period.</p> <p>1/19/17: RSS - Receive update that repeater is online and working, but having receive problems due to Vertex 7000 being for slightly different freq range. Told not a problem, but to let me know when issue is resolved and online in final config. F/U in 30 days.</p>	<p>3/1/17</p>
5689	444.750_K7DKK_Puyallup_5689_20161204.pdf	<p>12/04/16: KGR - New Repeater, ETA on the air by 12/17/16</p> <p>1/19/17: RSS - sent check-in email to see if online to start 90 day testing period.</p> <p>1/20/17: RSS - received update intending to go online this weekend (1/21/17). Asked to let me know when it is and start the counter then. F/U - check email in 1 week.</p> <p>1/26/17: RSS - received email that system is online to test. Starting 90 day testing period to end April 30, 2017</p>	<p>5/1/2017</p>
5690	442.8500_KC7GR_Kent_5690_20170101	<p>01/19/17: KGR - New repeater, ETA on the air by 3/31/17</p>	<p>3/31/2017</p>
5691	440.200_N3MO_Yelm_5691_20170119.pdf	<p>01/19/17: KGR - New repeater, ETA on the air by 6/4/17</p>	<p>6/4/2017</p>
5692	444.300_WA6TTR_Cathlamet_5692_20170203.pdf	<p>02/03/17: KGR - New Repeater, ETA on the air by 6/30/17</p> <p>2/19/17: RSS - Update from Frank NM7R repeater is running in testing config in garage ~2mi from final location. 90 day clock to start when moved to final site. FYI only.</p>	<p>3/31/2017</p>
5612	444.6250_N7FDM_CultusMtn_5612_20170222.pdf	<p>02/20/17: RSS - Initial TDS received. Kenny out of town. Final TDS number to be filled in after Kenny's return. Roger Hansen's old machine on Cultus. Being repaired / tested in garage until mountain top accessible.</p> <p>02/26/17: KGR - Updated with TDS file name and TR#.</p>	<p>3/30/17</p>