

W.W.A.R.A. – General Meeting Minutes December 9, 2017

Peter Dahl – WA7FUS	Rob Lee - K7TGU	Rob Salsgiver, NR3O
Kenny Richards – KU7M	Doyle Wenzel, N7UJK	Ken Sousa, N7AXJ
Frank Wolf – NM7R	Rob Chatham, AF7PR	Adrian Jones, KC7IYE
Jack Prendergast, N7JP	Stan Nelson, K7DKK	Lorraine Nelson, K7LJN
Ed Keim, KB7ED	Scott Honaker, N7SS	John Dawson, KE7OXR

Absences: None

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 September 24, 2017 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.
- Current assets total \$16,275.17

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 were e-mailed on 12/08/17.
- Due to-do another round of reminders for coordination's that have expired.

Committee Reports

IACC/BCARCC/ORRC

- ORRC: Discussions about ducting and Lyman repeater being heard in Oregon.
- BCARCC: contacted WA7FUS about 224.40 low level repeater in Vancouver BC.

6/10 Meters – Frank Wolfe, NM7R

- 53.410 / W7PFR / Eatonville / TR#2007

2 Meters – Peter Dahl, WA7FUS

- Nine repeaters in testing/pending status
- Five repeaters still proposed / development
- See band chair report for details

220 – Peter Dahl, WA7FUS

- Six repeaters in testing / pending status
- One repeater submitted, but not on the air yet
- See band chair report for details

440/430 Repeaters & Links – 440 Band Committee

- 17 Systems in process
- Seven in 90 day testing, with two polling with the BoD
- Five are in proposed, two which are links

900 / 1.2Ghz – Scott Honaker, N7SS

- Proposed 927.8500 / W7AAO / Three Sisters / TR#6051:
- Will cancel and Stan will re-submit when closer to being on the air.

Database Enhancement Committee – Kenny Richards, KU7M

- Took over as webmaster from Jim – KD7BAT due to his health

Old Business:

Technical Committee – NM7R

- No updates on membership or volunteers

New Business

Nominations Elections of Officers

- Frank for Chairman
- Scott for Vice Chair
- Kenny for Secretary
- Peter for Treasurer
- Rob AF7PR – Director2
- John KE7OXR – Director4

Unanimous vote to approve board as posted

Open question for who will take over 70cm band chair from NR30, who has resigned.

Meeting schedule for 2018:

- Discussed various options for meeting, agreed to the following schedule
 - March 3rd
 - June 2nd
 - September 15th
 - December 1st

Yahoo Groups for Member and Board Lists

- Several day outage of Yahoo! Groups raises concern about long term viability
- Tooling available to migrate to io Groups
- Doodle.com as alternative for Polling for BoD
- Motion made to migrate WWARA groups to io Groups
 - Voted and approved, KU7M will initiate the move after announcing the changes

Review Proposed Changes to Coordination Polices

- NM7R provided summary of changes and had Q&A
 - N7AXJ made to editing suggestions which were accepted
- Discussed process to approve, all agreed there wasn't a need to postpone until next regular meeting.
 - Motion made and seconded to approve. Vote was unanimous to accept
- KU7M will produce a clean copy (minus change-bars) and post on website.

Band Plan Discussion

- NM7R / KU7M Provided overview of current issue under review by board around coordinating narrowband FM analog repeater on 146.425 pair. Which is one of special eight narrowband pairs created in 2010. Original proposal called out these pairs were for "exclusively for Narrow Band Digital repeaters".
- Active discussion about policies intent and how poorly documented.

- N7SS agreed to draft a new proposal for review at March 3rd general meeting which addresses the poor documentation (using official FCC terms) and which allows new narrowband modes.
- Final comment was overall need for WWARA to begin process of moving to narrowband channels, which will also require transition to narrowband analog FM, which is in alignment with FCC policy. The obvious benefit is the creation of additional 2m pairs, which are highly sought after and all current equipment can support. Transition will need to take into account those existing repeaters that don't support narrowband FM modes. Board agreed to draft a proposal for transition and necessary steps for member review in future.

Next Meeting: March 3, 2018 / Tukwila Fire Station #51 / Time: 10am – 12pm

Adjourn Meeting: 12:36PM