

**W.W.A.R.A. – General Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2018**

Howard Wilhelm – K7UID	Rob Lee - K7TGU	Lorraine Nelson, K7LJN
Kenny Richards – KU7M	Doyle Wenzel, N7UJK	Ken Sousa, N7AXJ
Frank Wolf – NM7R	Rob Chatham, AF7PR	Daniel Stevens, KL7WM
Jack Prendergast – N7JP	Stan Nelson, K7DKK	
Al Burlison – K7HW	Scott Honaker, N7SS	

Absences:

Peter Dahl, WA7FUS (excused), John Dawson, KE7OXR

In accordance with Article IX, Section 3a of the bylaws, a quorum was present. The meeting was called to order at 10:01am at the Tukwila Fire Station #51. Introductions were made and by a motion the minutes of the December 9, 2017 general meeting was approved, as posted on the website.

Officer's Reports

Treasurer Report:

- KU7M presented the summary of accounts, which were submitted by WA7FUS prior to the meeting. Full details are available upon request.
- Current assets total \$16,267.88

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 02/25/18.
- Due to-do another round of reminders for coordination's that have expired.

Committee Reports

IACC/BCARCC/ORRC

- ORRC – Nothing requiring in the last three months

6/10 Meters – Frank Wolfe, NM7R

- 53.410 / W7PFR / Eatonville / TR#2007 finished testing period, ready for poll of board.

2 Meters – Peter Dahl, WA7FUS

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

220 – Peter Dahl, WA7FUS

- Two repeaters in testing / pending status (one ready for coordination, other still awaiting final configuration to begin testing.
- Two repeater submitted, but not on the air yet
- See band chair report for details

440/430 Repeaters & Links – 440 Band Committee

- No update

900 / 1.2Ghz – Scott Honaker, N7SS

- Two 1.2Ghz repeaters proposed, ETA on air by end of March 2018.

Database Enhancement Committee – Kenny Richards, KU7M

- Groups.io conversions complete for both members and board groups.
- KU7M reported our previous webmaster, Jim Entzweiler-KD7BAT became a silent key in February
 - Going forward KU7m will take over webmaster duties, in addition to managing the database

Old Business:

Technical Committee – NM7R

- One member (NM7R), and K7TGU volunteered

440 Band Chair

- Howard Wilhelm – K7UID volunteered to take over as 70cm band chair
- KU7M and N7SS will follow up to hand over the program

Band Plan Update – N7SS

- N7SS provided a summary of the document
- Some specific feedback given on wording/language proposed.
 - Asked that in addition to the updates for the band plan listed, also include updates to the Coordination policies, based on the details called out in the Issues section.
 - Since many of the current narrowband pairs have had to be inverted to fit within the RF environments, there was a request to call out that this is possible with permission from the band chair. Since technically any pair could need this, the ask was to update the coordination policies to reflect it as an option and how to request it.
- Overall everybody was in agreement with the idea of updating the language and items called out in the Issues section. But the members present were divided into two groups on the core issue, should narrowband analog FM repeaters to be coordinated on the ten pairs that are digital narrowband only now?
 - One group believed the ten pairs should be available for narrowband analog FM coordination's, as well as digital
 - One group believed the ten pairs should remain digital only
- It was agreed that a second proposal would be drafted, which included the updates that clarify and address the language in the coordination policies and band plan, but leaves them digital only. (KU7M agreed to draft second proposal)
 - At next appropriate meeting, the proposals can be voted on.

New Business

Seaside Update for June Meeting:

- Board decided to not get a table, since there wasn't enough people to staff it.
- Our request for an hour meeting slot was approved, but we are still waiting on the time and other details.
- Instead of having an information table, it was decided to take out a ½ page 'ad' in the booklet published for the conference.
 - Goal is to make people aware of the WWARA and its mission. In addition make people aware of the repeater listings we provide for free.
 - N7AXT agreed to help KU7M with producing the ad

Question on SNP and registrations:

- K7TGU asked if the WWARA was still registering SNP pairs
- Answer was yes. But we don't get many of them.

Next Meeting: June 2 or 3, 2018 / Seaside Hamfest, Seaside, OR / Time: TBD

Adjourn Meeting: 11:59:PM