

W.W.A.R.A. – General Meeting Minutes September 26, 2020

Kenny Richards, KU7M	Scott Honaker, N7SS	Steve Van Wambeck, N9VW
Barry Palmore, K7PAL	Peter Dahl, WA7FUS	Kirk Bellar, N7UK
Rob Salsgiver, NR30	Brian Horst, K5IN	Larry Watkinson, KC7CKO
Paul Butzi, W7PFB	Scott Hayden, KB7RSV	Mike Shirley, N07RF
Bill McGuire, N7MTC	Bob Sampson, K6MBY	Howard Wilhelm, K7UID
Frank Wolfe, NM7R	Doug Kingston, KD7DK	Jack Williams, W7HNNH

Absences:

In accordance with Article IX, Section 3a of the bylaws, a quorum was present. The meeting was called to order at 10:09am virtually on the Zoom teleconference by Frank-NM7R, Chair. Introductions were made and by a motion the minutes of the May 23, 2020 general meeting was approved, as posted on the website.

Officer's Reports

Treasurer Report:

- Full details are available upon request.
- Current assets total \$15,356.56

Secretary Report:

- All TDS received prior to Sep 24 have been processed.
- All Certificates of Coordination's approved up to Sep 5th were e-mailed on Sept 6th. (41 of them)
- Currently still processing TDS's received in last two days

Committee Reports

IACC/BCARCC/ORRC

- BCARCC is working on a 2m band plan revision, but nothing to officially review yet.
- ORRC – Map to explain border between ORRC and WWARA areas was proposed, ORRC gave feedback and Steve-N9VW will incorporate.

6/10 Meters – Frank Wolfe, NM7R

- Three pending applications in system. None ready for moving to next phase yet.

2 Meters – Peter Dahl, WA7FUS

- Three proposed/pending applications. See attached band report for details.

220 – Peter Dahl, WA7FUS

- Four active coordinations; two in polling, one in comment and one still under construction.

440/430 Repeaters & Links – Steve Vanwambeck, N9VW

- 17 active applications. See attached band report for details.

900 / 1.2Ghz – Scott Honaker, N7SS

- 2 active 33cm applications. Buckley system out for public comment and no information on status of one in Gram

Database Enhancement Committee, KU7M

- Completed migration of website to new Wordpress CMS system and new hosting provider. Initial migration completed a couple months ago, with the final steps completed last month for publishing nightly updates.
- With main website upgraded, will now focus on migrating database application to current versions.

Narrowband Committee, KU7M

- Update on education progress (Two group presentations completed in last three months (six total this year) with two more scheduled before end of the year. (Mike & Key and BEARS)
- Gave a high-level summary and referenced full proposal is available on website.
- No adoption timeline at the moment, KU7M asked for feedback from group
 - KD7DK raised concern that a 10 year timeline is soon and would be a concern for his groups due to the complexity of re-programming radios and lack of hardware support. There was disagreement raised and contradicting data to that statement.
 - KU7M asked for assistance re-scheduling presentation to PSRG group, KD7DK agreed.

Old Business

- Update Band Plan Doc – N9VW
 - Goal to reformat band plan to make it more readable/understandable
 - Format is very specific and provides the data in online spreadsheet (Google Sheets currently)
 - Will publish link to read only version and publish PDF on website
 - N9VW has completed reformat and now available
 - One open question about ATV allocation at 435 (overlap with Satellite sub-band) Decided this can be discussed separately, since reformat matches current band plan.
 - Motion to adapt new reformatted version was made and accepted.

New Business

- Meeting schedule for rest of year
 - December 5th meeting will be held via Zoom.
 - General discussion about using Zoom long term, received positive feedback since it allows more people to attend.
 - While having most meetings via Zoom was well liked, there was also support for having at least one meeting a year in person. Suggested keeping the June meeting at Seaside, since many people attend and strong attendance the last couple years.
- WA7FUS announced the WWARA POBox was lost due to USPS not processing the renewal
 - If sent a TDS via USPS in the last two months, please re-send. If need to submit a renewal or new applications, please submit it via e-mail.
 - Still looking for replacement for official paperwork
 - Proposed to migrate to PayPal for handling membership dues
- Announce / Request Volunteers for Board Members / Band Chairs
 - Announcement that some of the current board/band chairs are retiring at end of year (2m band chair and Treasurer)
 - Other board members have stated they are ready to step down, if new volunteers
 - At December meeting Board position 1 and 3 voted on, along with four named positions (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary)

Adjourn Meeting: 11:21 AM

Next Meeting: Dec 5, 2020/ Location: Zoom Online / Time: 10am – 12pm