

W.W.A.R.A. – General Meeting Minutes February 6, 2021

Kenny Richards, KU7M	Scott Honaker, N7SS	Bob Sampson- K6MBY
Peter Dahl, WA7FUS	Doug Kingston, KD7DK	Mike Shirley- NO7RF
Wayne - WA6MPG	Ken Koster - N7IPB	Rod Ekholm- KC7AAD
Jack Williams, W7HNH	Scott Hayden- KB7RSV	Larry Watkinson- KC7CKO
Rob Salsgiver-NR3O	Dave Feldman- W7NCX	Randy Neals - W3RWN

Absences:

- Rob Chatham, AF7PR, Loren Flindt, KB7APU, Steve Vanwambeck, N9VW

In accordance with Article IX, Section 3a of the bylaws, a quorum was present. The meeting was called to order at 19:05PST virtually on the Zoom teleconference by Kenny, KU7M Chair. Introductions were made and by a motion the minutes of the December 5, 2020 general meeting was approved, as posted on the website.

Officer's Reports

Chairman Report:

- A short onboarding session was held for the two new board members (N7IPB and KB7APU).
- Doug-KD7DK is still transitioning the treasurer accounts from Peter-WA7FUS, see the treasurer report for status of the bank activities.

Treasurer Report:

- The paperwork for transferring the bank access is almost done. Awaiting the last set of signatures to be returned. The process has taken a while due to COVID.
- When the bank access is completed, the next priority is setting up a new POBox and getting PayPal setup for online membership payments.

Secretary Report:

- Currently still processing TDS's received in January, but should be caught up by Feb 20th. A large number of renewals was received at the end of the year and created a backlog.
- The next run of Certificates of Coordination will be completed Feb 28th, so it will be a full three months since the last run.

Committee Reports

IACC/BCARCC/ORRC

- None

6/10 Meters – Frank Wolfe, NM7R

- 10m Rptr (29.68) split system completed testing and will be posted for public comment.
- 10m Rptr (29.64) still not on air, will be cancelled in 30 days if able to progress.
- 6m Rptr (53.21) has been put up for board vote and should be out for public comment by the EOM.
- 6m Rptr (52.87) is still not on the air, waiting for ETA.

2 Meters – Peter Dahl, WA7FUS

- Four current applications, see report for details.

220 – Peter Dahl, WA7FUS

- CampMurry - awaiting antenna install, still not on air
- Crawford Mountain- will be moving frequencies, sending new TDS soon. (223.98)

440/430 Repeaters & Links – Steve Vanwambeck, N9VW

- 17 active applications. See attached band report for details.
- One holding for Duvall system, no ETA. Longview no response since June 2020.

900 / 1.2Ghz – Scott Honaker, N7SS

- 33cm – pending Gramhill – on air, ready to go to board
- 33cm – proposed in Blaine – unable to locate site, not on air yet.

Database Enhancement Committee, KU7M

- No updates on website migration, except hand full of small typos which have been fixed.

Narrowband Committee, KU7M

- Update on education program

- Jan 21 – Snohomish ACS
- Feb 12 – Federal Way ARC (pending)
- The questions and feedback have been pretty consistent across the 11 presentations. Common themes include, “speed up starting transition, need education for users on setting up/using narrowband analog FM, mild concern on ‘loss’ of coverage going to narrowband analog.”

Old Business

- Narrowband Proposal
 - See Narrowband Committee update

New Business

- Asked for feedback on changing of meeting times from 10am to 7pm. All present were in favor to continue the next meeting at the 7pm time slot. No negative feedback had been received.

Adjourn Meeting: 20:04 PM

Next Meeting: May 1, 2021 / Zoom Virtual Conference / Time: 7PM – 9PM

Post Meeting Notes

- Due to health issues, Steve-N9VW has had to resign from the WWARA board and the 440 band chair. We are very sorry to see Steve step down, but fully support his decision and wish him the best in his recovery.
 - Rob-NR30 will take over the 440 Band Chair duties immediately.
 - Until a replacement can be identified, Kenny-KU7M will fill in as secretary.
- In addition to taking over the 440 Band Chair, Rob-NR30 has taken over the 2m Band Chair from Peter-WA7FUS.

Submitted by Kenneth Richards, Chairman WWARA



February 15, 2021