

**W.W.A.R.A. – General Meeting Minutes  
Dec 4, 2021**

Kenny Richards, KU7M	Scott Honaker, N7SS	Doug Kingston, KD7DK
Jack Williams - W7HNNH	Joe Hamelin- W7COM	Peter Dahl, WA7FUS
Frank Perkins - N6CES	Don Abeles- W7UUL	Ken Sousa - N7AXJ
Frank Wolfe - NM7R	Hal Hoversten - ÅK2WA	Marc Lacy - KD7RYY
James Irving - KC6TFN	Barry Palmore - K7PAL	Jim Irving - AC7SV
Dana Hanford - KC7SDD	Randy Neals - W3RWN	Ed Bowen - ?
Chuck Stroehrer - WA7EBH	Kirk Bellar - N7UK	Larry Watkinson- KC7CKO
Andy Saylor - KF7VOL	Scott Hayden- KB7RSV	Rod Ekholm- KC7AAD
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**Absences:**

- Rob Chatham, AF7PR, Loren Flindt, KB7APU, Rob Salsgiver, NR30, Ken Koster, N7IPB

In accordance with Article IX, Section 3a of the bylaws, a quorum was present. The meeting was called to order at 19:04 PST virtually on the Zoom teleconference by chairman Kenny Richards, KU7M. Introductions were made and by a motion the minutes of the September 25, 2021 general meeting was approved, as posted on the website.

**Officer's Reports**

Chairman Report:

- Request for a volunteer for the secretary position, the position has been vacant for nearly all of 2021 and as a result processing of coordination applications/renewals are not happening on a timely basis.
- KC7CKO offered to assist with meeting notes, if interested.

Treasurer Report:

- Current balance is \$2,730.84 (checking account), \$10,789.01 (CD), \$15.01 (investment) for a total of \$13,534.86. (as of 2021-11-30)
- The WWARA debt card had several fraud charges on it in August 2021 and KD7DK is still dealing with bank to get them reimburse (totaling \$1,322.20)
  - KD7DK has appointment with local bank manager to resolve the issue later in December.

Secretary Report:

- Currently all received TDS's have been processed as of Dec 4<sup>th</sup>
- 18 Certificates of Coordination were e-mailed on Dec 4<sup>th</sup>, which is all granted since September.
- The WWARA has received 32 total TDS's since May, for renewals and new applications
- Due to the secretary position being empty all year, no reminders have been sent to coordination holders for expired coordination's.
  - This was a service done in the past, but ultimate it is the coordination's holders' responsibility to renew coordination's every five years.
  - The certificate of coordination lists the expiration date and the website has a list which is updated nightly of expired coordination's.
- Suggestion for an annually reminder to be sent to all coordination holders, reminding to keep address/contact info up to date, check if renewal is due and submit an updated TDS if any changes to repeater.

**Committee Reports**

IACC/BCARCC/ORRC

- No activity

6/10 Meters – Frank Wolfe, NM7R

- No update provided

2 Meters – Rob, NR30

- One proposed (146.800), one pending (147.4625) and two unknowns (147.4875, 146.4250)

220 – Peter Dahl, WA7FUS

- Four applications (224.52, 223.84, 224.18, 223.98)

440/430 Repeaters & Links – Rob, NR30

- 4 proposed, 4 pending, 5 testing, 3 polling and two unknown status  
900 / 1.2Ghz – Scott Honaker, N7SS

- 927.875 and 927.4875 pending board poll

Database Enhancement Committee, KU7M

- Nothing to report

Narrowband Committee, KU7M

- No update, but next proposed step is a proposal to accept the 70cm and 2m narrowband plans and draft will be submitted in December. (just band plans, not requirements or transition schedule)

### **Old Business**

- Dept. Natural Resources (DNR) radio site leases for ham update
  - Two online Zoom sessions in the last three months
  - N7SS reported that state legislature hadn't reimburse DNR for last two years for ham leases, but did in 2021. Additional lobbying will need to be done in 2022 to increase the funding going forward.
  - **Frank-NM7R and Larry-KC7CKO** agreed to develop a proposal to submit to the DNR for refining and adapting their current 'lease policies' to align with the ham radio interests.

### **New Business**

- Approval of 5cm band plan
  - Proposed to address the 'coordination requirement for access to DNR sites'.
  - Band Plan only addresses active uses of the band in Western Washington today, future uses can be adapted as needed.
  - In addition to coordinating amateur systems, will also catalog non-amateur (ISM/U-NII) uses of long-distance point to point links as a public service and in support of good radio practice.
  - 5cm band plan was approved by all WWARA members present.
- Board Elections for 2022
  - Chair – Kenny, KU7M
  - Vice Chair – Scott, N7SS
  - Treasurer – Doug, KD7DK
  - Secretary – Joe, W7COM
  - Board Trustee-2 (Urban) – Randy, W3RWN
  - Board Trustee-4 (Rural) – Larry, KC7CKO
  - NOTE: The current Board Trustee1 (Ken-N7IPB) and Trustee3 (Loren-KB7APU) were not up for election until next year
- Meeting Schedule – 2022
  - Feb 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022
  - April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022
  - Sept 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022
  - Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022
  - NOTE: Approved shifting meeting back to 10am time slot

**Adjourn Meeting:** 20:04 PM

**Next Meeting:** February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 / Zoom Virtual Conference / Time: 10AM – 12PM

Submitted by Kenneth Richards, Chairman WWARA



December 17, 2021