



WWARA

Western Washington Amateur Relay Association

Attendees:

Scott Honaker, N7SS
Grant Hopper, KB7WSD
Peter Dahl, WA7FUS
Josh Saran, N7WPM
Dana Hanford, KC7SDD
Kenny Richards, KU7M
Larry Watkinson, KC7CKO

Bob K6MEY
Chuck Stroehler, WA7EBH
Lloyd Kimball, NONHJ
Les Tomminger, W7UFI
Howard Wilhelm, K7UID
Scott Hayden, KB7RSV

Absences:

Doug Kingston, KD7DK

In accordance with Article IX, Section 3a of the bylaws, a quorum was present. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 PDT virtually on the Zoom teleconference by Chair Grant Hopper, KB7WSD. Introductions were made and by a motion the minutes of the February 2023, general meeting was approved, as posted on the website. Dana Hanford moved and Bob seconded approving the previous meeting minutes. Motion passed despite Zoom messing with the count.

Officer's Reports

- **Chairman report**
Secretary candidates have been received and just reviewing now. One dropped out.
- **Treasurer Report**
Money Market Balance \$13,903.98
Share Balance \$5.00
Checking Balance \$535.53
No significant expenses or income since the last meeting. Numbers are largely the same as last meeting.
- **Secretary Report**
About 8 new TDSes were received this week. Acting secretary (Scott, N7SS) will respond and forward to Josh for database entry.
- **Adjacent Area Reports**
Scott Honaker, N7SS working with at SeaPac with Daron Wilson of ORRC to host a booth at Seapac.

Committee Reports

- **6m/10m report**
One proposed at 53.450, Doug fixed a typo.

- **2m Band Report**
 - 0 Holding pattern
 - 0 Proposed/Not on air
 - 0 Pending
 - 1 Testing
 - 0 Polling/Board Vote
 - 0 Member Comment period
 - 0 Polling Complete - Coordinated

- **220 MHz Report**
No activity

- **70cm Band Report**
Almost half are ready for board polling
 - 0 Holding pattern
 - 0 Proposed/Not on air
 - 0 Pending
 - 5 Testing
 - 9 Polling/Board Vote
 - 0 Member Comment period
 - 0 Polling Complete - Coordinated

- **33/23cm Band Report**
No activity

- **Database Enhancement**
Kenny has been working to get Josh access for new TDS processing. He currently has access to the database.

- **Narrowband Committee**
The next step will be updated processes and a plan to move forward with narrowbanding.

- **Coordination Rules Committee**
No report.

Old Business

- Band chair recruitment. We are looking for band chairs to take over some bands. The top priority is to find someone to take 2m or 70cm to provide some relief for Rob Salsgiver, NR3O. The band chair roll is documenting and guiding the applicant through the coordination process.

New Business

- Kenny explained that there was a 900MHz band plan accepted and approved in April 2004 but never published. There is one coordination remaining that was approved based on the old band

plan. Kenny is working to move this band plan into the new Excel format and finally publish it. Details below.

To get the full story, I suggest reading the WWARA meeting minutes starting with 2003-12-06 thru 2004-06-03, but here are the cliff notes. In early 2003 there was a lot of discussion about updating the 900Mhz band plan. During this time period there were several coordination's put into limbo since they had inputs below 902.300Mhz. The board / membership finally approved the new band plan at the 2004-04-03 meeting and then pushed the decision on the coordination's until the following meeting in June 2004. Then according to the minutes, they approved the coordination's at the June 2004 meeting and there was nothing recorded about the conflict with the band plan.

One of the four coordination's approved in June 2004 is still coordinated (927.2500-South Mtn), but there were two others (Cougar-927.2125 and Capitol Peak 927.300) which were previously coordinated.

- Scott discussed that Icom will be producing a radio (IC-905) that will cover all of 13cm (2.4GHz), 5cm (5GHz) and 3cm (10GHz) out of the box. In the past, only portions of these bands were available via transverter or Wi-Fi device so band planning was less critical. These new users will have access to the entire band with multimode radios (even ATV). The plan is to initially publish a copy of the ARRL and IARU plans. This provides a baseline for users to reference and can be updated as local users identify band segments for specific uses. We have a band plan for 5cm currently but not the other two. The new plans will be addressed at a future meeting.
- Kenny asked that future meetings be added to the Groups.io calendar

Future Meetings: Sept 23, and Dec 2, 2023 / 10:00AM (via Zoom)

Meeting Adjourned: Moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:43am.

Minutes submitted by Scott Honaker, N7SS