



WWARA
WESTERN WASHINGTON AMATEUR RELAY ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 24, 2024

Attendance:

Chuck Stroehrer, WA7EBH	Grant Hopper, KB7WSD	Peter Dahl, WA7FUS
Josh Saran, N7WPM	Kenneth Koster, N7IPB	Rob Salsgiver, NR3O
Scott Honaker, N7SS	Kenny Richards, KU7M	Doug Kingston, KD7DK
Dana Hanford, KC7SDD	Kevin Bier, K7VI	Larry Watkinson, KC7CKO
Scott Sipe, N7LOL	Stan Nelson, K7DKK	Eugene O'Neill, AF7JM
Kirk Bellar, N7UK	Brian Good, W7FDD	Bill Oplinger, K7BAV
Charlie Knutilla, N7KN	Charles Boling, AD7UF	Dale Mosby, K7FW
Dennis Decoteau, N7YJU	Don Lockridge, AI7CE	Don Saylor, W7OXR
Jeff Neely, W7NEE	Jon Rumsey, K7RMZ	Howard Wilhem, K7UID
Tom Needham, WA7TBP		

Absences: None

In accordance with Article IX, Section 3a of the bylaws, a quorum was present. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 PST virtually on the Zoom teleconference by Chair Grant Hopper, KB7WSD. Introductions were made and by a motion the minutes of the December 2, 2023, general meeting was approved, as posted on the website.

Officer's Reports

- Chair Report (Grant, KB7WSD)
 - Secured table at SeaPac, inviting the other regional repeater orgs to join us there. Ordering a banner
 - Need band chair help, especially for Rob; please volunteer or recommend volunteer-minded candidates.
 - Grant is resigning today. Scott will be acting Chair. Some members voiced their appreciation for Grant's service.
- Vice Chairman (Scott, N7SS)
 - A reformatted 70cm band plan has been posted. Reformatted 2m band plan will post very soon.
 - ACTION FOR MEMBERS: Please review and let Scott know about any problems.
- Treasurer Report (Doug, KD7DK)
 - 65 renewals following membership reminder email.
 - WWARA expects dues increase next year to help defray actual costs
 - Finances continue to be stable. Here is the Treasurer report
 - Inquiry: Can we investigate an insurance policy for repeater owners?

Current Balance	2024-01-24
Checking	\$182.37
Share	\$5.18



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Money Market	\$14,018.91
PayPal	\$286.44
Current Assets	\$14,492.90

- Secretary Report (Kevin, K7VI)
 - Catching up on TDS processing backlog.
 - SeaPac: WWARA table coordinating with other orgs (WVDXC, Bureau, ACES)
- Adjacent Areas:
 - IACC/BRACC/ORRC – Nothing heard.

Committee Reports

- 6M/10M – Kenny – One outstanding proposed coordination (W7MBY) that needs to be cancelled (Submitted in 2022) so past the period. Kenny will reach out to the applicant.
 - There is one proposed system, not on the air yet.
- 2 Meters – Rob
 - 6 in testing under both 2m and 70cm about the same. 2 in public comment
 - Database updates resurfaced 15-18 TDS that are now ongoing. Absent those database issues, WWARA response time is typically 5 biz days.
- 220 Band – Peter
 - Quiet. 1 in queue blocked by weather before it can go operational
- 440 Repeaters – Rob
 - See 2 meter update
- 900/1.2Ghz – Scott
 - No Activity
 - No updates on anticipated 23cm changes from IARU/FCC. No update from ARRL
- Database Enhancement Committee – Kenny Richards, KU7M
 - Certificates of Coordination's for new and renewal coordinations were e-mailed out for last six months. (~30 certificates)
 - Database Tech stack updates continue, migrating system to current versions of Postgres and PHP. Cookie management is next on roadmap to modernize the system.
 - Website menu updates planned to make membership options discoverable.
 - Working on the migration to a new platform.
- Narrow-band Sub-Committee – N7SS, KU7M
 - Band Plan Reformating – The updated 2m band plan includes changes that channelize the plan to make the wide-band and narrow-band groups more discoverable.
 - Currently the 70cm, 2m and 900Mhz band plans have been converted to the new channelize format. The next plans are 6m and 220.
 - Narrow-band planning: Kenny is polling members on narrow-band plans and giving a narrow-band talk to Edmonds ARC. Feedback will help drive the recommendations for policy changes and timing. The next step is developing a timeline for migrating to a narrow-band only coordination process.



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Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- None

Next Meeting:

- May 4, 2024

Adjourn Meeting:

- Motion to adjourn: Dana, Seconded by: Doug. Approved by majority voice vote without discussion.
- The chair adjourned this meeting at 10:53AM PDT.