



# WWARA WESTERN WASHINGTON AMATEUR RELAY ASSOCIATION

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## General Meeting Minutes – May 4, 2024

**Absences:** None

In accordance with Article IX, Section 3a of the bylaws, a quorum was present. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 PDT virtually on the Zoom teleconference by Chair Scott Honaker, N7SS. Introductions were made and by a motion the minutes of the February 24, 2024, general meeting was approved, as posted on the website. (KC7SDD moved, KD7DK seconded)

### Officer's Reports

- Chair Report (N7SS)
  - Secured table at SeaPac, - still working on banner
  - Need band chair help, especially for NR3O; please volunteer or recommend volunteer-minded candidates.
  - Reminded reformatted 70cm/2m band plan is now posted.
- Treasurer Report (Doug, KD7DK)
  - The non-profit status of the WWARA has been re-established with Federal Govt. (form 1048 has been filed)
  - Due to AWS services increases, there has been a small increase monthly for hosting of website (less \$1.50 a month)
  - In last three months, an additional 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
Money Market	\$14,018.91
PayPal	\$286.44
Current Assets	\$14,492.90

- Secretary Report (Kenny)
  - Catching up on TDS processing backlog. Expect to be caught up by May 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Certificates of Coordination's will be sent out by May 15<sup>th</sup> for last several months.
  - Request made for suggestions of software that can extract data fields from PDF form and generate a JSON or CSV file
  - Tom-N7OEP would be interested in helping processing / entering TDS.
- Adjacent Areas:
  - ORRC – Still working out details for sharing table at Seaside.

### Committee Reports

- 6M/10M (KU7M) – One outstanding proposed system, which has missed the deadline for entering testing phase. Will contact trustee to cancel.



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- 2 Meters – Rob
  - Eight in testing for 2m (pending). Several ready for board approval, prior to public comment
  - Two systems still in development (proposed)
- 220 Band – Peter
  - One system in pending for last year and not ready for coordination yet.
- 440 Repeaters – Rob
  - Seven in testing for 70cm (pending). Several ready for board approval, prior to public comment.
  - Five systems still in development (proposed)
- 900/1.2Ghz – Scott
  - 1 23cm DSTAR proposed
- Database Enhancement Committee – Kenny Richards, KU7M
  - Certificates of Coordination's for new and renewal coordination's 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.
  - The current website menu is planning to be updated, to make membership options discoverable.
- Narrow-band Sub-Committee – N7SS, KU7M
  - 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.
  - Suggestion to update 2m Band plan and create narrowband simplex channels 147.52/56 5 to 8 channels
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### **Old Business:**

- Coordination rules updates were discussed, postponed until next meeting.

### **New Business:**

- Discussed having N7EOP as helper for secretary
- Asked for help finishing the banner for Seaside, will need to order ASAP to have in time.

### **Next Meeting:**

- Sept 28, 2024

### **Adjourn Meeting:**

- KU7M made motion to adjourn, seconded by KC7SDD.
  - Approved by majority voice vote without discussion.
- The chair adjourned this meeting at 10:35AM PDT.