



WWARA WESTERN WASHINGTON AMATEUR RELAY ASSOCIATION

General Meeting Minutes – May 10, 2025

Absences: KD7DK

In accordance with Article IX, Section 3a of the bylaws, a quorum was present. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 PST virtually on the Zoom teleconference by Chair Scott Honaker, N7SS. The minutes for the February 2025 meeting approved as posted. (N9VW moved to approved and KC7SDD seconded)

Officer's Reports

- Chair Report (Scott, N7SS)
 - Notes from K6BV on Northern California efforts for narrowband
 - No official report
- Treasurer Report (Doug, KD7DK – read by KU7M)
 - Only normal expected expenses in last three months (POBox, Web, etc)
 - 119 members strong currently
 - Current total assets of \$14,312.74
- Secretary Report (Kenny, KU7M)
 - Four TDS submissions at two-week SLA but will be processed within a day.
 - Two large dumps of TDS submissions the previous week 13 renewals from two sources.
 - Update on revising Certificate of Coordination to include narrowband status.
 - Completed database changes to support and update to Word doc template are done. (board reviewed sample)
 - Final step is glueing together the workflow for generating CoC.
 - All CoC for last five months on hold until finish update and will regenerate CoC from Q1-2025.
 - General reminder, if you do not receive a confirmation when sending a TDS within a week, it was not received. Had a couple people claim recently that had sent renewal, but they were never received.
- Adjacent Areas:
 - EWA – No updates
 - BC – No updates
 - OR – No updates

Committee Reports

- 6M/10M (KU7M) – no active applications
- 2 Meters (NR3O) – 6 pending and 7 proposed
 - NR3O is recovering from surgery, please send him updates.
- 220 Band (WA7FUS)
 - 1 pending, but still on workbench
 - 1 in testing
 - Kaos Tech is getting licenses for 220 band to build network (secondary to hams)



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- 440 Band (NR3O) – 8 pending and 1 proposed
- 900/1.2Ghz (N7SS) – 1 pending 23cm system, possibly won't go on air at current site
- Database Enhancement Committee – Kenny Richards, KU7M
 - No database updates, except for CoC changes
 - Question on Chirp datafile. Chirp changed their format, and it broke our conversion script. The author is working on updating, but a production version isn't available yet.
- Narrow-band Sub-Committee – N7SS, KU7M, N9VW
 - Presented to Highline Radio Club on April 26 (KU7M)
 - Building documentation on how to program various of radios to narrowband, because lack of documentation. Some documentation has very limited info and others are very misleading. Narrowband committee building documentation to help.

Old Business:

- Narrowband Update
 - Shared link of how to program popular radios and if available narrowband.
 - N7SS asking for submissions if interested. Most China built support, but popular major bands are more challenging.
 - Update on WWARA repeater conversion, based on 10-year timeline, we are slightly ahead of the projected trend line for narrowband conversions. The graph is included at the bottom of the minutes. (covers 2m and 70cm)

New Business:

- Revised 70cm narrowband change to not include the linking sub-band, which is not necessary.
 - Proposed change to original narrowband proposal.
 - Add the phrase, 'in the 440-450 Mhz repeater sub-band'
 - Example, "After January 1, 2025, the WWARA will no longer accept new 70cm applications in the 440-450Mhz repeater sub-band with an occupied bandwidth of more than 12.5kHz (narrowband).
 - The same change would apply to the January 1, 2030 renewal change.
 - KS5B made motion to accept both changes and WA7JH second.
 - All approved, no objection
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Next Meeting:

- September 27, 2025

Adjourn Meeting:

- KC7CKO made motion to adjourn, seconded by KU7M.
 - Approved by majority voice vote without discussion.
- The chair adjourned this meeting at 10:40 PST.



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Members / Attendees

Kenny – KU7M	Scott – N7SS	Jamie-WA7JH	Dana – KC7SDD
Larry – KC7CKO	Howard – K7UID	Steve – N9VW	Bruce – K7BAB
FredV - ?	George – K7YHB	Jon – K7RMZ	Stephen – KJ7YL
Paul – NT7PS	Tim – K6BIV	Brian – W7FDD	Rob – AF7PR
Stan – KS5B	Jason Berman	Gerrie – KI7EIV	George – K7YHB
Peter - WA7FUS			

Narrowband Conversation Trend

