



WWARA WESTERN WASHINGTON AMATEUR RELAY ASSOCIATION

General Meeting Minutes – May 02, 2026

Attendance: KD7DK, N7SS, KC7SDD, KC7CKO, KI7ICL, KJ7YL, WA7EBH, KK7EV, AF7JM, N7KRN, K7RMZ, N7WPM, N7IPB, KS5B, WA7FUS, KL7WM, K7RSD, W7FDD, N9VW.

In accordance with Article IX, Section 3a of the bylaws, a quorum was present. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM PDT virtually on the Zoom teleconference by Chair Scott Honaker, N7SS. Approval of the minutes for the March 28, 2026 meeting were postponed until the next meeting as there were errors that need to be corrected.

Officer's Reports

- Chair Report (Scott, N7SS) – No report.
- Secretary Report (Dana, KC7SDD) – No report.
- Treasurer Report (Doug, KD7DK) – Doug is out of the country. No report.
- Vice Chair (Kenny, KU7M)
 - Six TDS reports have been submitted since the last meeting. Five certificates to be sent out.

Adjacent Area Updates (Scott, N7SS)

- Scott reported that he has been contacted a couple of times by Darrin from ORRC. One question he had was whether WWARA would participate at SEA-PAC. Scott said he would bring the WWARA banner and some QR code signage and copy of band plans to have on the table. Scott said he thought Stan, KS5B, offered to staff the table, but if anyone else plans to attend, they are welcome to help staff the table. Scott said he would be at the Icom table.
- Scott said he also wanted to talk with ORRC about what our narrow banding means for them. Scott said he doesn't think there will be an impact to them.

Committee Reports

- 6M/10M (Kenny, KU7M) – Kenny reported that there are two pending applications.
 - One is 53.36 MHz, which is not on the air yet. This is the one that Bruce has been putting up on Three Sisters for the past year and a half. Kenny said that he spoke to Bruce last month who said he would get it on the air by this summer or we could cancel the application.
 - The other is one from Port Townsend, 53.37 MHz, that is on the air and in the testing period. If there are no issues, we will progress it along and issue a certificate in July.
- 2 Meters (Steve, N9VW) – Steve said there were two applications that dropped off and three that were completed. There are three more applications that are on hold as we work with Bruce, WB7DOB. He has five applications pending: two left from the last report, and three new applications. Steve said he thinks the three new ones should sail through soon if they get on the air. Two have a mid-summer on the air date, and one is



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pending. That is the BEARS group that has a date of August 2026, but they are trying to figure out how to put two VHF transmitters on one antenna.

- 220 Band (Peter, WA7FUS) – No report.
- 440 Band (Rob, NR3O) – No report

- 900/1.2Ghz (Scott, N7SS) – Scott reported that he has one new 900 MHz application from Bellingham that was just submitted for board review and should go out for membership review in about a week. He said he also has an application for a 1.2 GHz machine, but the applicant has not responded to a request for additional information. He will push them a little harder to get it done.

- Database Enhancement Committee – Kenny, KU7M – No updates, but Kenny said there was a checking program that checks for “fat finger” mistakes when making changes. It sends Kenny a daily update message. Kenny also said that he had a conversation about generating CHIRP files again. Kenny found some bugs, but the individual who is working on this may have fixed them, but it is in the works.

- Narrowband Sub-Committee – N7SS, KU7M, N9VW – ORRC want to meet to discuss our narrow banding. Scott said that he updated the burndown chart in mid-April and that we are on track.

Old Business:

- Kenny, KU7M, asked the membership if they would be annoyed at receiving an email saying “You still have a 2m or 70cm repeater that is still wide band. Do you have plans to go narrow band? Do you have any questions about that?”. Discussion ensued about narrow banding and expired coordination grace periods.

New Business:

- No new business.

2026 Meetings:

- September 26
- December 5

Adjourn Meeting:

- Kenny (KU7M) motioned to adjourn, seconded by Steve (N9VW).
 - Approved by majority voice vote without discussion.
- The chair adjourned this meeting at 10:19 AM PDT.