

Minutes of August 3, 2002 General Membership Meeting

The August 3, 2002, General Membership meeting was held at Kirkland Fire Station #26. Chairman John Schurman-AA7UJ, called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Introductions were made and a sign-in sheet was circulated. In attendance were: Kirk Bellar- N7UK, Carter Powell- W7IAG, Steve Szombathy- W7UDI, Bob Lewis- W7AN, Al Burleson- K7HW, Herman Entz- K7PAG, Jon Marcinko-WR7JM, Jim Etzwiler- KD7BAT, Scott Henry- KJ7FD, Jon Fortier- N7WDF, Scott Cronk- N7FSP, Roger Hansen- W6TOZ, John Schurman- AA7UJ, and Mark McClain- N6OBY.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

✍ A motion passed to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2002, General Meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

✍ Current financial statements were distributed for review. A motion passed to approve the financial reports.

ADJACENT AREAS:

IACC: Nothing reported.

B.C.: Jon Marcinko- WR7JM, has been working on a request from BCARCC regarding the use of 3 frequencies. Kirk Bellar- N7UK, attended the RAC meeting in Vancouver, BC. He said there was a lot of discussion about internet linking, and that there is an increasing use of 2-meter simplex frequencies (147.42 thru 147.57 w/30 KHz spacing) for IRLP linking.

ORRC: John Schurman- AA7UJ, reported that he talked with ORRC's Steve Humphrey- KA7A. ORRC held elections at their last meeting and they have a new set of officers. John also talked about the 900 MHz band plan and Repeater Directory.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Technical: Marty Hadfield- WB7AFV and John Schurman- AA7UJ, set up a table at the Longview Swapmeet.

6/10 Meters: Board actions: Previous to the meeting, the Board approved the coordination of 53.150-Tiger Mtn (TR# 2025) to WA7IVO. The membership had no questions and supported the approval.

Other/Pending: Nothing reported. Band Chair Ed Bruette- N7NVP was out of town, but provided a written status report of pending 6-meter activity.

2 Meters: Board actions: None.

Other/Pending: Band Chair Pete-K7PP, could not attend the meeting, but provided a written activity report.

220 Band: Board actions: None.

Other/Pending: Jon Marcinko- WR7JM, said he spoke with Band Chair Peter Dahl-WA7FUS, regarding the testing he is doing on 224.920 on South Mtn. Things appear to be working and Jon will submit a Tech Data Sheet to move the coordination from Buck Mtn.

UHF Rptrs: Board actions: Previous to the meeting, the Board approved the following coordinations; 441.150-Woodinville (TR# 5253) to W7QA, and 443.725-Edmonds (TR# 5152) to KJ7FD,. The membership had no questions and supported the approval.

Other/Pending: Band Chair Jamie Hughes- KD7HPE, was not at the meeting.

UHF Links: Board actions: Previous to the meeting, the Board approved the following coordinations; 446.650-Seattle (TR# 5085) to W7WWI, 446.675-Baldi Mtn (TR# 5081) to W7WWI, 441.550-Couger Mtn (TR# 5299) to W7WWI, and 446.625-Miller Peak (TR# 5300) to W7WWI,. The membership had no questions and supported the approval.

Other/Pending: Jon-WR7JM provided a written list of open UHF link applications.

900/1.2: Board actions: None.

Other/Pending: Band Chair Gene Colson- W7UVH, was not at the meeting.

NFCC: ClayFreinwald- K7CR, reported that the NFCC is delaying the close of their election due to the lack of a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS:

Modification of Technical Data Sheet: Mark McClain- N6OBY, reported that he is working on final revisions and will release the updated form by year end. He also said that several people have used the proposed Link form and asked that they not be used until the final form is available.

Review of UHF Links and Band Plan: Jon Marcinko-WR7JM, will put together a brief description of his recommendation to move to 12.5 KHz channel spacing for links and upload it to the Operations Remailer for the BoD's review.

Bylaw and Coordination Policy Review: Steve Szombathy-W7UDI reported that he is working to clean up the Coordination Policies document, and well also recommend some changes for review at our next meeting.

Repeater Directory: The status of the 2002-2003 Repeater Directory project was discussed. Mark McClain- N6OBY reported that directory listings have been received by all of the adjacent-area groups. There has been no progress on the front cover, advertisements, and the information pages. There will be an attempt to get the parts assembled by the October meeting.

Band Plans: There was a discussion about WWARA's 900 MHz Band Plan. Gene Colson-W7UVH has submitted a recommendation for a revised plan. A concern was raised by the Chair that any change that we consider must be reviewed with all adjacent area coordination groups before it will go in front of the WWARA membership for acceptance. Jon Marcinko is asking Gene to check with the groups adjacent to our area- especially BCARCC.. Also discussed was an ongoing problem with 10-meter FM repeaters across the nation, which are not using CTCSS or conforming to a national CTCSS plan. A motion carried to draft a letter and lobby the NFCC to pursue this issue.

Review of Dues and Fees: Roger Hansen- W6TOZ, provided 2 large charts to show the annual Income and Expense amounts from 1996 to 2002 (projected). There was a good discussion regarding the desire by the BoD and members to eliminate the continuing growth of the WWARA's checking and savings accounts by reducing the current Dues and Fees structure. There was no

conclusion, but Roger will continue to work on this and come up with a recommendation based on the input from the members.

NEW BUSINESS

YahooGroups Members Remailer: John Schurman- AA7UJ reported that a new YahooGroups remailer was created to facilitate communications with the membership in lieu of the newsletter. John asked the membership if this should be maintained as a permanent tool. A motion carried to continue with this as a replacement for the newsletter, and that it be restricted to WWARA members but available for public viewing. Clay Freinwald- K7CR, asked if we should create a third YahooGroups remailer for use by Pacific Northwest coordinators as a forum for regional issues. John Schurman- AA7UJ will seek input from our adjacent areas coordination groups.

Bylaws Changes: Steve Szombathy- W7UDI reviewed our Bylaws and proposed modifications now that the publication and distribution of a newsletter is discontinued. The modifications that Steve proposed were reviewed and discussed. A motion carried and passed to adopt the modifications effective immediately.

Other: Webmaster Jim Etwiler- KD7BAT, discussed file formats used on the WWARA public website and asked for comments and suggestions. He also said that the "Links" page is open for members to post links.

Scott Cronk- N7FSP, asked if we will accept coordination applications for two packet repeaters. He attempted to coordinate 222.220 and 223.820 several years ago and was turned down by the WWARA. A discussion followed and it was agreed that it would be considered, but that additional help would be needed if the WWARA becomes involved in the coordination of packet systems.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 3, 2002 at 7:00 PM. Carter Powell- W7IAG offered the use of the Mercer Island Fire Department. The exact location and directions will be published on the WWARA web page prior to the meeting.

SES A motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 12:45pm.

Minutes by Mark McClain- N6OBY, Secretary.