

Minutes of October 3, 2002 General Membership Meeting

The October 3, 2002, General Membership meeting was held at Kent Fire Station #73. Chairman John Schurman-AA7UJ, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Introductions were made and a sign-in sheet was circulated. In attendance were: Pete Polocani-K7PP, Scott Cronk-N7FSP, Steve Szombathy-W7UDI, Don Sandstrom-W7VXS, Carter Powell-W7IAG, Bill Balzarini-KL7BB, Jamie Hughes-KD7HPE, David Swartz-KC7RRH, Al Bureson-K7HW, Herman Entz-K7PAG, Roger Hansen-W6TOZ, John Schurman-AA7UJ, Mark McClain-N6OBY, Clay Freinwald-K7CR, Ed Bruette-N7NVP, and Peter Dahl-WA7FUS

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

✍ Current financial statements were distributed for review. Roger Hansen-W6TOZ, Treasurer, was held up in traffic. Discussion and acceptance of the Treasurer's Report were tabled until Roger arrived.

ADJACENT AREAS:

IACC: Nothing reported.

B.C.: Jamie Hughes-KD7HPE reported that he has sent several coordination inquiries to George Merchant-VE7CHU, and has had great response.

ORRC: John Schurman-AA7UJ and Clay Frienwald-K7CR reported that they have had several email exchanges with Marsh Johnson-KK7CW, the new ORRC Chair.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Technical: Nothing reported.

6/10 Meters: Board actions: None.

Other/Pending: Band Chair Ed Bruette-N7NVP updated the situation with the Sky Valley application. He reported that the repeater might be moved to Sultan along with their 440 repeater.

2 Meters: Board actions: None.

Other/Pending: Band Chair Pete Policani-K7PP provided a report of his pending activity. He is also working with the Gray's Harbor group regarding their need to implement CTCSS on their receiver to come into compliance with WWARA Policies. Also reported was the 145.17 repeater on KO Peak is no longer an issue. This repeater has been operating without coordination for several years, and has caused interference to other systems at times. The group has lost their lease due to their lack of coordination.

220 Band: Board actions: None.

UHF Rptrs: Board actions: Previous to the meeting, the Board approved the following coordinations; 444.850-Renton (TR# 5306) to K7OV, 443.450-San Juan Is (TR# 5140) to K7KFM, 440.775-Seattle (TR# 5322) to N0FPF, 441.125-Maynard (TR#

5311) to WBOCZA, and 443.675-Green Mtn (TR# 5094) to W6TOZ. The membership had no questions and supported the approvals.

The Board had also voted 3 to 1 in support of the assignment of 440.175-Mercer Is (TR# 5183) to W7IAG. Considering the situation with the current Trustee- Steve Mayes-KA7PMC, a motion was made to send a letter via registered mail requesting him to assign the coordination to the Mercer Is group. The motion carried. Pete Policani-K7PP pointed out that Steve holds other coordinations, and that our Coordination Policies stipulate that the Trustee must operate in accordance with FCC Part 97.

Other/Pending: Band Chair Jamie Hughes-KD7HPE, provided an update of the pending UHF repeater applications.

- UHF Links:** Board actions: None.
Other/Pending: UHF Link Chair Jon Marcinko-WR7JM, was not able to attend the meeting, but provided a summary of pending items.
- 900/1.2:** Board actions: Previous to the meeting, the Board approved the following coordinations; 927.500-Lacey (TR# 6013) to WA7C, 927.800-Tacoma (TR# 6011) to K7HW, 927.750-Tumwater (TR# 6007) to KD7HTE, and 927.275-Kalama (TR# 6012) to W7UVH. The membership had no questions and supported the approvals.
Other/Pending: Band Chair Gene Colson-W7UVH, discussed other pending items.
- NFCC:** ClayFreinwald-K7CR, reported that a key item with the NFCC lately is the Eastern Oregon BMUG issue. The NFCC has provided BMUG with the mechanism to resolve the situation. All ham operators within the boundary that BMUG desires to operate within must be polled to determine if BMUG will be recognized as a frequency coordinator. It was decided that the WWARA notify BMUG and advise them that we will respond to their request for our approval at a more appropriate time.

Treasurer Roger Hansen-W6TOZ, reviewed the Treasurer's Report. A motion passed to approve the Report.

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.

Review of UHF Links and Band Plan: Jon Marcinko-WR7JM, was not present.

Repeater Directory: The status of the 2002-2003 Repeater Directory project was discussed. There has been no progress on the front cover, advertisements, or the information pages. Mark McClain-N6OBY reiterated that he is not taking a lead role in this project and that someone is still needed to head up the coordination effort. No one has offered up to this point.

It was suggested that we list our coordinations on the WWARA web page. Several people said they would assist. This will be discussed at a future time.

Band Plans: Nothing has been done. The Chair requested that each Band Chair review their Band Plan and point out discrepancies.

Review of Dues and Fees: Roger Hansen-W6TOZ, provided a financial summary as a follow-up to the discussion at the August meeting. The summary listed the basic income and expense items for 2000, 2001, and 2002, and compared them with income projections for 2003 based on \$5 for Dues and \$5 for all Fees. The Board and members present thought the plan to reduce Dues and Fees had merit. A motion carried to direct the Board to put a recommendation before the membership for vote at the December meeting. Roger's report will be posted on the Member's remailer for review.

NEW BUSINESS

BMUG: John Schurman-AA7UJ gave a summary of correspondence he has had with various parties concerning the Blue Mountain User Group who wants to be recognized as a coordination entity in Eastern Oregon. Leaders of the BMUG have asked for the WWARA's to recognize them. It was decided that the WWARA would not take a position until BMUG polls the operators in the area they wish to operate in. John will draft a letter to be sent to BMUG and ORRC.

Coordination Policies Changes: Steve Szombathy-W7UDI, has been working on our Policies and cleaning them up. Steve provided a first draft with his recommended changes via the Membership remailer to solicit comments and suggestions. A final draft will be ready to be prior to the December meeting.

Other:

- The Secretary pointed out that Board Director #4 (Ralph Lucier-KA7VEE) has missed the last 3 General Meetings. According to the Bylaws, the Board must appoint a replacement.
- The Chair asked the Board members to meet after the meeting adjourns to discuss the options.
- A discussion was started regarding the creation of an Electronic Repeater Directory. David Swartz-KC7RRH, Don Sandstrom-W7VXS, and Scott Cronk-N7FSP offered to assist with formatting.
- Ed Bruette-N7NVP reported that the Bremerton EOC and Red Cross had moved and was experiencing high levels of noise when they re-installed their HF equipment. They talked with PSE and RSI, Inc, and within three weeks it was determined that the noise was coming from the electric utilities as well as two traffic controllers.
- Pete Policani-K7PP reported that there are ongoing issues with Canadian stations running simplex IRLP nodes using repeater input frequencies. Pete has corresponded with the FCC several times, and the issue has been forwarded to Washington DC for review.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2002 at 10:00 AM. The location and directions will be published on the WWARA web page prior to the meeting.

~~RS~~ A motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Minutes by Mark McClain-N6OBY, Secretary.