

General Membership Meeting Minutes February 6, 2003

The February 6, 2003, General Membership meeting was held at Mercer Island Fire Station #91. Chairman John Schurman-AA7UJ, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Introductions were made and a sign-in sheet was circulated. In attendance were: Mark McClain-N6OBY, Carter Powell-W7IAG, John Schurman-AA7UJ, Roger Hansen-W6TOZ, Bob Lewis-W7AN, Bill Balzarini-KL7BB, Peter Dahl-WA7FUS, Carl Holman-K7CH, Gene Colson-W7UVH, Don Sandstrom-W7VXS, Bob Storwick-K7RS, Adrian Jones-KC7IYE, Jon Marcinko-WR7JM, Al Burleson-K7HW, Herman Entz-K7PAG, Steve Szombathy-W7UDI, Ed Bruette-N7NVP, Jamie Hughes-KD7HPE, Pete Policani-K7PP, Bob St. Andre-WA7NAN, Rick Hodges-KB7TBF, Bruce Miller- KC7IAY

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

~~✓~~ A motion passed to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2002, General Meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

~~✓~~ Treasurer Roger-W6TOZ distributed current financial statements for review. A motioned carried to accept the financial report.

ADJACENT AREAS:

IACC: Jon-WR7JM said Doug-KC7JC asked him about renewing Jon's repeater in Wenatchee..

B.C.: Jamie-KD7HPE working with BCARCC on several coordination applications. Pete-K7PP is working with George-VE7CHU regarding interference with 146.880.

ORRC: Pete-K7PP has been talking with Ron Polluconi-KJ7IY about the process between ORRC and WWARA. John-AA7UJ talked about the email from Marsh w/ORRC. John posted it on the Members remailer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Technical: Nothing reported

6/10 Meters: Board actions: None.

Other/Pending: The Band Chair (Ed-N7NVP) requested that TR# 2027 be cancelled because the construction period has expired.

2 Meters: Board actions: Previous to the meeting, the Board approved the following coordinations:

?? TR# 3062 (146.760_KJ7XE_PtAngele_3062_06.29.02a)

?? TR# 3115 (147.340_NM7R_S-Bend_3115_10.01.02)

?? TR# 3056 (145.250_WA7NAN_CultusMt_3056_06.02.02)

The membership had no questions and supported the approvals. The Band Chair (Pete-K7PP) provided a review of the other items on his Band Chair Report.

220 Band: Board actions: None.

UHF Rptrs: Board actions: Previous to the meeting, the Board approved the following coordinations:

?? TR# 5321 (444.775_KJ7XE_PortAnge_5321_05.20.02)

?? TR# 5301 (442.925_N7RET_DuPont_5301_07.13.01)

?? TR# 5213 (444.100_K7BTZ_PtOrchar_5213_02.29.02)

The membership had no questions and supported the approvals.

UHF Links: Board actions: Previous to the meeting, the Board approved the following coordinations:

?? TR# 5011 (430.275_N7WDF_Gunsite_5011_08.01.02)

The membership had no questions and supported the approvals.

900/1.2: Board actions: None

NFCC: John-AA7UJ reported that he has several items to cover with Clay, and that he is going to send a request to the NFCC seeking their involvement in the issue surrounding the use (and lack of use) of CTCSS access on 10-meter repeaters in the US. Additionally, John-AA7UJ stated his views on VoIP technology being used for repeater linking and the potential for the WWARA to become involved in the coordination of stations seeking a place to operate these links.

OLD BUSINESS:

Review of UHF Links and Band Plans : Jon-WR7JM will be sending Jamie-KD7HPE his database. John-AA7UJ said he was checking UHF repeaters while programming a radio. He found that approximately 55 repeaters appeared to be operational out of the 150 he tried. By trying different PL tones for the ones that didn't respond, he was able to access an additional 10. John-AA7UJ thinks it is time to act and develop a policy to identify non-working and paper repeaters. Pete-K7PP suggested that we could randomly test on a monthly bases and log the results. There was a lot of discussion and John-AA7UJ will draft some policies to get the organization started on how to deal with paper repeaters.

Band Plans - 900 Mhz: John-AA7UJ discussed Gene's latest plan and said he was immediately met with resistance from the weak signal operators, and they offered to attend our next meeting to assist with this effort and represent their position and interests. John-AA7UJ has asked Marty-WB7AFV for assistance with coordinating with other coordination groups. Gene has not yet talked with Marty.

Coordination Policies: Steve-W7UDI has been making some minor changes with language and will be presenting an updated draft in the near future.

Repeater Directory: A committee was formed to look at options for listing our coordinations on the web page. Members include Bill Balzarini-KL7BB, David Swartz-KC7RRH, Bob Lewis-W7AN, Jon Marcinko-WR7JM, Earl Garber-N3EG, Scott Honaker-N7WLO, and Mark McClain-N6OBY. A kick-off meeting will be scheduled in the coming weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol): Bill Balzarini-KL7BB used the white board to draw a diagram of the possible uses of VoIP with Amateur systems. After a lot of general discussion, there was a general consensus that the WWARA should take a pro-active position and look at identifying specific frequencies to be used by stations using internet linking.

Financial Review: Bob-W7AN reported that the Financial Review committee met as scheduled. A review of 2001 finances was conducted. Bob stated that the committee did not have a "member at large" volunteer. The review consisted of a check of all financial transactions in 2002 including

reconciliation of checking and saving statements, monies received, deposits, and checks. A motion carried to accept the 2002 Financial Review as conducted.

Mike & Key Table: There is interest in having a table at this year's Mike and Key event. Mark McClain-N6OBY felt we should not do this unless there are firm commitments by 4-5 people to assist, and that we need to check Marty's availability. Roger-W6TOZ, Bill-KL7BB, and Mark-N6OBY volunteered. We will check with Marty and coordinate via the Board remailer.

The next meeting will be held on April 5, 2003 at 10:00 AM. Carl-K7CH offered a meeting room in Shelton. Mark-N6OBY suggested that John-AA7UJ check with the weak signal group to see if they would still be willing to attend the meeting if it was held in Shelton. The location and directions will be published on the WWARA web page prior to the meeting.

✍ A motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM.

Minutes by Mark McClain-N6OBY, Secretary.