

Western Washington Amateur Relay Association

General Membership Meeting Minutes April 3, 2004

The April 3, 2004, General Membership meeting was held at Olympia Center in Olympia, WA. Chairman John Schurman-AA7UJ called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Introductions were made and a sign-in sheet was circulated. In attendance were: Mark McClain-N6OBY, John Schurman-AA7UJ, Carl Holman-K7CH, Jon Marcinko-WR7JM, Al Burleson-K7HW, Gene Colson-W7UVH, Pete Policani-K7PP, Bill Balzarini-KL7BB, Roger Hansen-W6TOZ, Duane Bradford-WB7ROZ, Herman Entz-K7PAG, and Peter Dahl-WA7FUS.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

A motion carried to approve the February 5, 2004, General Meeting minutes.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mark-N6OBY reported the following:

- Data for the WWARA's current repeater listings were sent to the ARRL for their repeater directory.
- We have received several Renewal requests for UHF links that are operating in Carrier Access. The question was raised if these should be processed without an Access method specified. Wording in the Policies state that some type of system access be specified, but doesn't clearly state that it must be used at all times. It was agreed that the Policies should reviewed and some additional guidance be provided regarding system Access and how it should apply to repeater operation as well as associated use of links.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Roger-W6TOZ reviewed the current Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss statement. There were no questions and a motioned carried to accept the financial report as submitted.

ADJACENT AREAS:

John-AA7UJ asked if people saw and reviewed the Proposed 900 MHz Band Plan, and the comments that he received and posted from the BCARCC and ORRC. Jon-WR7JM indicated that it probably didn't matter if we did something that slightly differed with an adjacent area due to the propagation characteristics of 900 MHz, as there would be minimal possibility of interference. John-AA7UJ said we needed to send a letter and our Band Plan to the adjacent area groups and CC the NFCC and ARRL. John-AA7UJ offered to draft a letter if Gene would review it.

IACC: Nothing else reported.

B.C.: Nothing else reported.

ORRC: We discussed the possibility of getting together with anyone from the WWARA and ORRC who attends SeaPac in June. John-AA7UJ said he would include that in his letter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Technical: Nothing reported.

6/10 Meters: Board actions: Previous to the meeting, the Board approved the following coordinations:

TR# 2021 - 53.55_W7SRZ_Bothell_2021_11.04.03

The membership had no questions and supported the approval.

Ed submitted a Band Chair Report with the status of his Pending items, but was unable to attend the meeting. It was reported by Jon-WR7JM that Ken Rau-K7YR returned 53.55 and two UHF links to the pool. Bill-KL7BB asked if we would notify the individual who wants a 2-meter pair as an alternative. Pete-K7PP said numerous offers

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to assist finding something on 2-meters, 220, and 440 have been made to Ruffi-AA7SS. John-AA7UJ said that Riley Hollingsworth, Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement with the FCC, sent an email stating he would be calling to discuss the complaint letter the FCC received from AA7SS.

- 2 Meters:** Board actions: There were no Board actions.
Pete-K7PP said he will send the Secretary a request to create polls for two coordination recommendations, and a request to return one application.
A Band Chair Report was provided and Pete gave an update on the status of his Pending items.
- 220 Band:** Board actions: There was no Board action and no pending activities to report on.
- UHF Rptrs:** Board actions: Previous to the meeting, the Board approved the following coordinations:
TR# 5334 - 443.400_K7PP_Forks_5334_05.27.03
The membership had no questions and supported the approval.
A Band Chair Report was provided with a list of Pending items and current status.
- UHF Links:** Board actions: Previous to the meeting, the Board approved the following coordinations:
TR# 5310 - 439.650_K7CH_5310_BawFaw_08.14.03
TR# 5323 - 421.250_W7CTV_FederalW_5323_06.15.02
The membership had no questions and supported the approvals.
A Band Chair Report was provided with a list of Pending items by Jon-WR7JM. Jon also mentioned that he has several applications that need to be returned to the applicant and will send the Secretary an email.
- 900/1.2:** John-AA7UJ asked that we delay this until after the proposed changes to the 900 MHz Band Plans are discussed.
- NFCC:** Nothing discussed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Review of UHF Links and Band Plans: Not discussed.

Review of Band Plans:

900 MHz – A motion to approve the proposed changes to the 900 MHz Band Plan carried. There was a discussion about the need to send the proposed changes to the membership 7 days prior to a vote for Policy changes. The Bylaws require that the any changes to the Bylaws must be posted prior to a vote, but does not apply to the Coordination Policies- which the Band Plans are part of. It was decided that the recommendations for coordinations that Gene-W7UVH had made should be reposted for new Polls.

Financial Review: Herman-K7PAG and Jon-WR7JM provided a recap of the Financial Review that was held on Feb 21, 2004. Herman submitted a letter to the Chair stating the review was conducted and there were no unusual or suspect findings.

Coordination Policies: John-AA7UJ said that changes to the Bylaws and Policies to support changes to allow the membership to vote via the YahooGroups will be completed and sent to the membership prior to the next meeting. He said it is also his intent to make a change to reduce the number of face-to-face meetings at the same time.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

The next meeting will be held on June 3, 2004 at 7:00 PM.

A motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 AM.

Minutes prepared by Mark McClain-N6OBY, Secretary.