

# *Western Washington Amateur Relay Association*

## **General Membership Meeting Minutes October 7, 2004**

The October 7, 2004, General Membership meeting was held at Mercer Island City Hall. 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:

Mark McClain-N6OBY, Carter Powell-N7IAG, Roger Hansen-W6TOZ, Steve Szombathy-W7UDI, Erik Hokanson-N7UGG, Bill Balzarini-KL7BB, Pete Policani-K7PP, John Schurman-AA7UJ, Peter Dahl-WA7FUS, Jim Etzwiler-KD7BAT, and Dan Standstrom-W7VXS.

### **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:**

A correction was suggested to the October 7 minutes to correct the start time of the meeting. The Secretary said the 7:03 PM time was a carry-over from the August minutes and the actual start time was 10:03 AM. A motion carried to approve the revised October 7, 2004, General Meeting minutes.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Mark-N6OBY reported the following.....

- ✍ An account with Hostway has been established to host the WWARA public website. Hostway will also allow us to move forward with integrating the Admin Server/database functionality we have been discussing. We can also establish [xxx@wwara.org](mailto:xxx@wwara.org) email accounts for Board, Band Chairs, and committee positions as needed.
- ✍ A special thanks to David Titus-KB7ILD and Marc Miller-N6TJQ for arranging for the purchase of two copies of MS FrontPage 2003 and one copy of MS Office Pro 2003. These copies will be used by WWARA Webmaster, Jim-KD7BAT and Mark-N6OBY to manage the website, as well as the repeater directory project. The copies were obtained at the Microsoft employee purchase price.
- ✍ The first batch of applications that were recommended for coordination by the Band Chairs, and approved by the Board, was posted on the Members Remailer for the final 14-day review period.
- ✍ Coordination data is due to the ARRL for their repeater directory on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005. This deadline falls much earlier in the year than previous years.
- ✍ Reminder to pay 2005 dues at the next meeting.

### **ADJACENT AREAS:**

Nothing reported.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Technical:** Nothing reported.

**6/10 Meters:** Ed-N7NVP could not attend the meeting but provided the Secretary with a Band Chair Report that listed status for one Pending application.

**2 Meters:** Pete-K7PP provided a Band Chair Report and detailed review of his open applicaitons.

**220 Band:**

**UHF Rptrs:** Steve-W7UDI reviewed his Band Chair Report with the group. It consisted of: 4 applications that were approved by the Board, 7 applications that are in Test, 3

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applications that are under construction, 2 applications on Hold, and 10 applications that are Pending and/or new.

### **UHF Links:**

**900/1.2:** Gene-W7UVH was not at the meeting. He submitted a Band Chair Report which was reviewed by John-AA7UJ.

**NFCC:** Nothing.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Review of UHF Links and Band Plans :** Nothing reported.

**Review of Band Plans:** Mark-N6OBY reported that he has not received any input from any of the Band Chairs. Corrected Band Plans are needed for inclusion in the repeater directory project. Peter-WA7FUS asked what the plans were for distributing repeater directory information. Mark-N6OBY said the 'draft' copies he has developed would be handed out at each meeting to members. Peter asked if there is any intent at this time to use the directory to make money. John-AA7UJ said the general census is that we do not need to and have dropped the idea of using it to generate income. Peter asked if the WWARA would be open to provide coordination data to outside groups like *Mike & Key* to publish the data. Mark said the effort to create a Repeater Directory Committee should be renewed to discuss ideas and make recommendations to the Board. The group agreed and Mark said he would send out an invite and facilitate a meeting.

**Coordination Policies:** John-AA7UJ asked if our updated Coordination Policies have been published on the website. Mark-N6OBY and Steve-W7UDI said it has not been done but would work to get the document finalized and sent to Jim-KD7BAT.

**Response Letter to FCC:** John-AA7UJ reported that he received a call after our last meeting from Riley Hollingworth at the FCC and he has determined that the complain letter the FCC received from Ruffi Magbuana-AA7SS is without merit and is being dropped. Several members commented that they were sorry that the WWARA was weighed down with this effort and are glad that this type of issue does not come up often.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Gene Colson-W7UVH resigned 900/1200 Band Chair:** Gene Colson-W7UVH has resigned as 900/1200 Mhz Band Chair. John-AA7UJ asked if there was anyone who would like to take this position over until the end of the year. Nobody offered and John-AA7UJ said he would handle the open applications until the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year when a new 900/1200 Band Chair can be appointed.

**Email addresses for Board/Committees:** Mark-N6OBY asked for input regarding a standard format for generic email addresses for Board, Band Chairs, and Committee heads. He will send a list to the remailer suggesting a format for comment.

There was more discussion about the repeater directory and formatting issues using various applications.

Carter Powell-W7IAG was thanked for making arrangements for the meeting room. Carter offered to make arrangements for the December meeting room at a Mercer Is Fire Station if needed.

A motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 PM.

The next meeting will be held on December 4, 2004 at 10:00 AM.

*Minutes prepared by Mark McClain-N6OBY, Secretary.*

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