

# *Western Washington Amateur Relay Association*

## **General Membership Meeting Minutes December 4, 2004**

The December 4, 2004, General Membership meeting was held at Mercer Island Fire Station 91. Chairman John Schurman-AA7UJ called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

### **INTRODUCTIONS:**

Introductions were made and a sign-in sheet was circulated. In attendance were:  
Mark McClain-N6OBY, John Schurman-AA7UJ, Herman Entz-K7PAG, Al Burlison-K7HW, Jon Marcinko-WR7JM, Steve Szombathy-W7UDI, Mark McAlvey-N7WPY, Ed Bruette-N7NVP, Carter Powell-N7IAG, Jim Etzweiler-KD7BAT, Peter Dahl-WA7FUS, Earl Garber-N3EG, David Ingebright-WB7ELY, Steven Mayes-KA7PMC, Daniel Stevens-KL7WM, and Roger Hansen-W6TOZ.

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

A motion carried to approve the October 7, 2004, General Meeting minutes.

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

Roger-W6TOZ presented the current Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss. A motion carried to accept the financial report as submitted.

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

Mark-N6OBY reported the following...

- ✍ Data for the ARRL Repeater Directory is due to the ARRL by Jan 15<sup>th</sup>. That leaves one week for the Band Chairs to submit recommendations for BoD vote which takes 7 days, followed by the 14-day member comment period, and then allowing one week for final updates to the database so the data extract can be done for the ARRL. Band Chairs need to review their applications and submit within the next 5-7 days any that they want to Board to vote on.
- ✍ Personal workload over the last couple months has caused a 2-3 week delay in processing WWARA paperwork.
- ✍ Repeater Directory project meeting will be Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM. We need a place to hold it. Jon-WR7JM suggested that we hold it here at the Mercer Is FD.
- ✍ The April 2<sup>nd</sup> General Membership meeting will be held at the Shoreline Conference Center in conjunction with the Communications Academy.

### **ADJACENT AREAS:**

**BCARCC:** John-AA7UJ said he talked to George Merchant about data for our repeater directory.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Technical:** Nothing reported.  
**6/10 Meters:** Ed-N7NVP reviewed his Band Chair Report that listed status for one Pending application.  
**2 Meters:** Pete-K7PP was not able to attend the meeting.  
**220 Band:** Peter-WA7FUS said he had one Pending application being voted on.  
**UHF Rptrs:** Steve-W7UDI reviewed his Band Chair Report.  
**UHF Links:** Jon-WR7JM  
**900/1.2:** John-AA7UJ said there have been no changes since taking over from Gene.  
**NFCC:** Nothing.

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### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Review of UHF Links and Band Plans :** Nothing has been done. John-AA7UJ said that notice needs to go out to all Trustees that hold current coordinations for Links that are operating in the Repeater Sub-band. Mark-N6OBY will provide a database extract with this data so Jon and Steve can review.

**Review of Band Plans:** Mark-N6OBY reported that he has received a validated band plan for 10m/6m from Ed, and the 440 plan from Steve. 220 is needed as well as 2m.

**Coordination Policies:** John-AA7UJ asked if our updated Coordination Policies have been published on the website. They have not, but John-AA7UJ recognized that the Members have been copied on the changes. Roger-W6TOZ noted that the Expiring Coordinations page is out of date and should be updated.

**Creation of Email Accounts:** Mark-N6OBY said he received comments back from most of the Board regarding the address format we should adopt for the email accounts for all Board and Committee positions. The accounts will be created once the 2005 Committee selections have been completed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Elections for 2005 Board Members:** Membership Chair, Al Burleson-K7HW, began the annual election process for the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Board Representatives #1 and #3.

- Nominations were opened for the position of Chair. Al Burleson-K7HW nominated John Schurman-AA7UJ and Ed Bruette-N7NVP seconded. A motion to close nominations carried and the vote was unanimous.
- Nominations were opened for the position of Vice-Chair. Herman Entz-K7PAG nominated Al Burleson-K7HW and Jon Marcinko-WR7JM seconded. A motion to close nominations carried and the vote was unanimous.
- Nominations were opened for the position of Secretary. Al Burleson-K7HW nominated Mark McClain-N6OBY and Jon Marcinko-WR7JM seconded. A motion to close nominations carried and the vote was unanimous.
- Nominations were opened for the position of Treasurer. Roger Hansen-W6TOZ was nominated by Al Burleson-K7HW and seconded by Steve Szombathy-W7UDI. A motion to close nominations carried and the vote was unanimous.
- Nominations were opened for the position of Representative #1. Al Burleson-K7HW nominated Mark McAlvey-N7WPY and seconded by Ed Bruette-N7NVP. Daniel Stevens-KL7WM nominated Dave Engebright-WB7ELY and seconded by Ed Bruette-N7NVP. Al Burleson-K7HW nominated Bill Balzarini-KL7BB and seconded by Ed Bruette-N7NVP. A motion to close nominations carried and the vote supported Bill-KL7BB.
- Nominations were opened for the position of Representative #3. Nominations and seconds for Mark-N7WPY and Dave-WB7ELY were carried over from the previous position. A vote supported Mark-N7WPY for Representative Position #3.

**Committee Appointments:** John-AA7UJ reminded the group that committee appoints are made between this meeting and the February meeting and confirmed using the Polling function via the Board Remailer. Mark McAlvey-N7WPY and David Ingebright-WB7ELY offered to assist with a band.

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**Financial Review:** Membership Chair, A1K7HW, said that Herman-K7PAG volunteered to serve as Chair of the Financial Review Committee. John-AA7UJ asked to set a date for the review and hold it prior to February's meeting.

**1.2 GHz Wide-band Digital:** John-AA7UJ said three groups wanting coordination assistance for wide-band channels in the 1.2 GHZ range for digital communications use have approached him. While the WWARA Policies don't currently support coordination outside of the Repeater Sub-band, John feels that we need to consider these requests based on the FCC's directive that coordination groups such as our support all amateur activates. The requests are for channelization of one half of the Digital allocation in the 1.2 band, creating thirteen 300 KHz channels. Ed Bruette-N7NVP said the City of Seattle has grant dollars (\$89K) for wide-band digital equipment and wants to use this type of technology to connect 20 local EOC's together with the State EOC. At this time, it is felt that our charter by the FCC as a coordination group would have to change to include coordination efforts in the digital sub-band. John will ask Riley for an appropriate contact within the FCC and write a letter asking for direction. John-AA7UJ asked for volunteers to assist with the overall effort.

A motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 11:38 AM.

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

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