

Western Washington Amateur Relay Association

General Membership Meeting Minutes October 6, 2005

The October 6, 2005, General Membership meeting was held at the Mercer Island City Hall in Mercer Island, WA. Chairman John Schurman-AA7UJ called the meeting to order at 7:17 PM.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Introductions were made and a sign-in sheet was circulated. In attendance were: John Schurman-AA7UJ, Mark McAlvey-W7WPY, Al Burtleson-K7HW, Herman Entz-K7PAG, and Carter Powell-W7IAG.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

A motion carried to approve the August 6, 2005, General Meeting minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer was not able to attend and the current report was distributed. A motion carried to approve the Treasurer's Report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mark-N6OBY stated that we periodically receive renewal applications for UHF links that were previously coordinated in the repeater sub-band. The Mt Baker club sent renewals for several links that fall into this category. Mark thought that Jon Marcinko-K7KG was to send a notice a year or two ago to let the Trustees know that it we are no longer going to coordinate links in the repeater sub-band due to the current activity and interest in the UHF band. John-AA7UJ stated that we need to notify the Trustees that they will need to shift to the link portion of the band. Mark stated that notification should be made in advance so the system operators know and can plan accordingly. Meeting members felt that the Chair should make a request to the UHF Link Band Chair to make notification to all affected Trustees

The Secretary is running a 6 week backlog in processing paperwork and applications due to work commitments and home remodel activity.

ADJACENT AREAS:

John-AA7UJ mentioned that Pete Policani-K7PP is working with an individual who wants to put up a high-level repeater that overlaps with an existing system in Oregon. John-AA7UJ said he or Pete will probably post the info to the remailer at some point.

There is also an interference report from BC on a UHF frequency, 443.800, which is apparently in the process of being relocated from Tacoma to Olympia. Steve-W7UDI is aware of the situation and is working with W7USJ.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Technical: No report.
6/10 Meters: Nothing to report.
2 Meters: No report.
220 Band: No report.
UHF Rptrs: Steve-W7UDI submitted his Band Chair Report but was working and unable to attend the meeting.
UHF Links: No report.

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- 900/1.2:** Mark-N7WPY provided a Band Chair report. He commented on one of his applications from Martin Johnson-KC7ZWG who moved a repeater from his house, where it was recently coordinated, to Baldi Mtn. Mark provided a detailed rundown of all of his other band activities.
- NFCC:** John-AA7UJ said the NFCC now has 6 candidates for their 5 board positions and should get around to an election soon. He will be letting us know when it is time to vote via the Board Remailer.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1.2GHz Wideband Digital:** John-AA7UJ said he has not heard much from Icom now that they have product.

NEW BUSINESS

Upcoming elections: John-AA7UJ reminded the group that we will be holding elections at the December meeting. Positions for Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and two of the four Representative (Director) positions will need to be filled. AI-K7HW will start working to find candidates. Mark-N6OBY said he would not be willing to be Secretary, but would continue as the Database Manager and focus on the web projects that will make the repeater directory available via the web as well as the other projects that have been talked about for the last two years.

Other: Mark-W7WPY will be submitting an application, in the band he chairs, for a pair that is being used by an uncoordinated repeater on Haystack Mtn. The uncoordinated system may have lost the site lease and Mark intends to move forward.

John-AA7UJ received an inquiry from Dewayne Mariotti who is associated with the hospitals. Dewayne has noticed that the WWARA's band plan for link frequencies is different than California's and ARRL's. John said he explained that our charter is to deal within the repeater sub-band. Dewayne asked why we don't do 15kc spacing on simplex channels and John said we don't control simplex, but that he would bring it up at our meeting. The consensus was that equipment will need to become more readily available before the hams could effectively make the change.

The next meeting will be held on December 3rd, 2005 at 10:00 AM. John will check to see if we can use the Kent Fire Station.

A motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM.

Minutes prepared by Mark McClain-N6OBY, Secretary.