

# *Western Washington Amateur Relay Association*

## **General Membership Meeting Minutes December 3, 2005**

The December 3, 2005, General Membership meeting was held at the Kent Fire Station #73 in Kent, WA. Chairman John Schurman-AA7UJ called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM.

### **INTRODUCTIONS:**

Introductions were made and a sign-in sheet was circulated. In attendance were: Mark McClain-N6OBY, John Schurman-AA7UJ, Roger Hansen-W6TOZ, Herman Entz-K7PAG, Al Burlison-K7HW, Bell Balzarini-KL7BB, Ed Bruette-N7NVP, Peter Dahl-WA7FUS, Rick Beatty-NU7Z, Bill Painter-N7AOB, Mark McAlvey-W7WPY, Jim Etwiler-KD7BAT, David Swartz-KC7RRH, Daniel Stevens-KL7WM, Earl Garber-N3EG, Jon Marcinko-K7KG, and Steve Szombathy-W7UDI.

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

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

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

Roger-W6TOZ submitted a current Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss statements ending November, 2005. A motion carried to approve the Treasurer's Report. Daniel-KL7WM asked if we plan to buy a CD or other security to increase the gain from monies in the association's savings account. There was discussion and Roger-W6TOZ said we are currently receiving about a half of a percent from BoA on the money in the savings account. John-AA7UJ said we need to keep an eye on the income and consider eliminating some or all fees since the income received from the ARRL for submitting our repeater directory data practically carries the organization throughout the year. It was suggested that a motion be made during New Business to request the Treasurer examine options and report back at the next meeting.

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

Mark-N6OBY requested that everyone review the personal info on the voting cards that were handed out and validate its correctness. He also had a batch of Coordination Certificates in-hand and will mail to those not present. A motion carried to approve the Secretary's report.

### **ADJACENT AREAS:**

Mark-N7WPY said he talked with George Merchant with BCARCC about a 6-node Icom D-Star system that is operational in the Vancouver area. Mark was given the frequencies. Ed-N7NVP was in touch with Al Muir about a 6-meter repeater on 52.850 that finally became operational after a long wait.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Technical:** No report.

**6/10 Meters:** Ed-N7NVP reported that the band is quiet. Jon-K7KG said that even the people who have systems have been quiet. He has seen the activity come and go over the past 25 years. Ed said that RACES/ARES is starting to utilize 6-meters more.

**2 Meters:** Pete-K7PP was not able to attend the meeting but sent a Band Chair Report for review. *<He has no pending actions at this time.>*

**220 Band:** Peter-WA7FUS reported that he has one Pending into being voted on by the Board, and recently received a new application for a repeater that just came on the air. Peter said that Frank Wolfe withdrew an application for a 220 link frequency that we would not normally coordinate.

**UHF Rptrs:** Steve-W7UDI distributed his Report and reported that he has a number of applications that are testing and he is preparing to recommend them to the Board for vote.

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- UHF Links:** Jon-K7KG went thru his list of Pending items. It was pointed out that some of the applications have been Pending for 3 and 4 years. John-AA7UJ said they need to be canceled since they are well outside of the Construction Period provided for in our Coordination Policies. It was requested that Jon-K7KG supply the Secretary and email for each one to be canceled so the application can be returned to the applicant.
- 900/1.2:** Mark-N7WPY provided a Band Chair report and a detailed rundown of all of his other band activities. He has several applications ready to be recommended to the Board for vote.
- NFCC:** John-AA7UJ said the NFCC continues to regain momentum and the group held elections for a new board. Our votes were submitted by John and he just received the final results of their election via email last night.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- UHF Links in repeater sub-band:** There was a discussion about previous discussions about how to handle new applications and renewal of links in the repeater sub-band. Jon-K7KG was asked to suggest some language to address this issue so we have something to approve and include in the Policies for a go-forward basis.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Financial:** Daniel-KL7WM motioned to empower the Treasurer to purchase CD's with the surplus funds in the savings account. Steve-W7UDI requested the motion be modified to use 50% of the surplus. Daniel amended his motion to do up to 75%. The motion was amended to have the Treasurer research this and come back to the board for final approval. The motion carried.
- Web equipment:** John-AA7UJ said his brother is willing to donate a rack of pancake servers for our use. A motion carried for John to accept the donation. Mark-N6OBY will assist in picking up and storing the equipment and asses how it can be used to support our web and database server requirements.
- Travel:** Roger-W6TOZ reported that he has retired and moved to Arlington. This will create a financial hardship in committing to make it to future meetings. Roger is requesting mileage reimbursement to General Meetings while he is a Board Member. It was agreed that we already have provisions for travel reimbursement as requested by board members, which Roger would qualify for.
- Meetings:** Steve-W7UDI motioned that we eliminate the Thursday night meetings and just meet quarterly. There was discussion and most felt that meeting once per quarter with a special meeting at the end of the year or beginning of the year to handle elections, committee appointments, and transitions, etc. John-AA7UJ said his concern would be that fewer meetings would reduce the focus and incentive by committee members to get the work done. Mark-N6OBY pointed out that our meeting requirements are specified in the Bylaws and would require approval by the membership after a standard notice period. There was consensus that a proposal should be drafted and put to the membership for approval. John-AA7UJ said he would send out an email with the sections that would need to be revised.

- Elections:** Membership Chair Al Burleson-K7HW led the election of the 2006 Board. By way of a prepared slate of candidates, he made the following nomination(s):

<b><u>Chair:</u></b>	John Schurman-AA7UJ	<b><u>Vice Chair:</u></b>	Al Burleson-K7HW
<b><u>Secretary:</u></b>	Steve Szombathy-W7UDI	<b><u>Treasurer:</u></b>	Roger Hansen-W6TOZ
<b><u>Representative #2:</u></b>	Rick Beatty-NU7Z	<b><u>Representative #4:</u></b>	Herman Entz-K7PAG

The nomination to accept the list of candidates was seconded and the vote carried.

- Other:** RogerW6TOZ said he would be Treasurer for one more year.

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Ed-N7NVP said he received an email from Ken Rau with a list of available repeater equipment. The equipment came out of Chelan.

The next meeting will be held on February 2nd, 2006 at 7:00 PM.

A motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:41 AM.

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