

Western Washington Amateur Relay Association

General Membership Meeting Minutes September 9, 2006

The September 9, 2006, General Membership meeting was held at the Mercer Island Fire Station 91, Mercer Island, 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: John Schurman-AA7UJ, Roger Hansen-W6TOZ, Steve Szombathy-W7UDI, Carter Powell-W7IAG, Rick Beatty-NU7Z, Mark McAlvey-W7LMR, Bill Balzarini-KL7BB, Herman Entz-K7PAG, Peter Dahl-WA7FUS, Ed Bruette-N7NVP, Paul Roth-N7DOH, Chuck Stroehner-WA7EBH, Mark McClain-N6OBY, Craig Helleland-K7CSH, Joe Thomas-WA7JT, Herb Holeman-W7ZF, Mike Ping-N3KPV, Bob Gudgel-K7IQ, Tim Schneebeck-K7QMI, Lee Bond-N7KC, Will McCattery-KD7WHQ, Rusty Kelley-WA7KAT, George Ftikas-N7TQZ.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

A motion carried to approve the June 3, 2005, General Meeting minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Roger-W6TOZ reviewed the Treasurer's report with the membership. Roger advised the membership of the purchase of a CD from Bank of America. A motion carried to approve the Treasurer's Report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Secretary had no report.

ADJACENT AREAS:

- **ORRC** Nothing to report.
- **BCARCC** Nothing to report.
- **IACC** Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Technical: No reports due to lack of Secretary transition.

6/10 Meters:

2 Meters:

220 Band:

UHF Rptrs:

UHF Links:

900/1.2:

NFCC: John-AA7UJ reviewed NFCC issues. A Northern California Coordinator has denied a D-Star system. The applicant filled a complaint with the FCC stating the D-Star is a repeater. But the FCC views a D-Star as a "Store and Forward" and is not a repeater. The WWARA views D-Star systems as a repeater. Discussion followed.

OLD BUSINESS:

UHF Links in repeater sub-band: Mark-W7LMR asked the UHF links needs to be reassigned and move forward. John-AA7UJ reviewed the linking in the sub-band. Herman-K7PAG stated the Coordination Policies are not updated with the links being moved from the repeater sub-band. John-AA7UJ advised the minutes have been approved and will find the dates. Rusty-WA7KAT asked about PSRG's need of help in finding link frequencies.

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NEW BUSINESS

BoD Vote on remunerations: John-AA7UJ reviewed the vote and the remunerations of admin tasks. Discussion followed. Roger-N6TOZ advised to the membership, that remunerations are well with-in the IRS rules. Discussion followed on when payment is paid, before or after input. The Chairman will oversee this task.

Mark-W7LMR voiced the Band Chair point of view of the importance of the input and review of the TDS into the database. Herman-K7PAG felt to vote needed to be to the membership, not just the board. Herman also voiced payment be made after input is done.

Mark-N6OBY advised of the time constraints he had to deal with and is willing to try. Mark also reviews with the membership what is the process of inputting a TDS into the database. It is the point where 2/3 of the work is done. Mark also reviewed a application that had errors. And that most errors are with the wrong Lat/Long format.

Herb-W7ZF advised the membership, the TDS is more complicated then the FCC forms. And he does not like the TDS. John-AA7UJ reviewed the reason the TDS is the way it is. Mark-N6OBY stated the TDS is away to update the coordination records.

Bob-K7IQ asked a sample TDS be posted on the website. Joe-WA7JT asked that a bad TDS sample to posted also. Peter-WA7FUS feels the database input be contracted.

John-AA7UJ asks for a motion.

Chuck-WA7EBH motions the database input of the TDS be paid at \$4.00 per TDS until 12/31/07, with a review in 12/07.

Motion passed.

Secretary Functions: Secretary functions to be changed to administrate function.

440 Band Chair: John-AA7UJ asked for a volunteer for the 440 Band Chair. John reviewed the job of a Band Chair and that the 440 band has the most activity. Mark-W7LMR also reviewed Band Chair functions with the membership. Ed-N7NVP also stated the Band Chair also works with other coordinators from adjacent areas.

Steve-W7UDI asked that he goes back to his old position of UHF Band Chair and step back from Secretary. Rusty-WA7KAT expressed interest in the Secretary position.

Nominations: Vice-Chairman: Bill-KL7BB, Secretary: Rusty-WA7KAT

Other: Chuck-WA7EBH asked if a Post Card be mailed to the applicant after the TDS is received. Discussion followed and a E-Mail is the preferred to a Post Card.

Herman-K7PAG asked about the Transaction Log is still in the policies. John-AA7UJ & Mark-N6OBY advised the log was eliminated along with the newsletter.

John-AA7UJ asked the membership is it time to subcontract to have the database/forms on the Website be done? Rusty-WA7KAT advised about finding someone to develop a

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Website/interface. Lee-N7KC asked to keep the disabled in mind in regard to the Website. Chuck-WA7EBH asked if other coordinators have developed a system that the WWARA is looking for.

John-AA7UJ will ask for a poll from the membership on how to move forward and will report back in the December meeting.

The next meeting will be held on December 2nd, 2006 at 10:00 AM.

A motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 AM.

Minutes prepared by Steve Szombathy-W7UDI, Secretary.