

WWARA General Meeting 9/11/2010

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Mark McAlvey - W7MLR,	Randall Self - KE7RTD,	Peter Dahl - WA7FUS,
Nick Winter - K7MO,	Herman Entz - K7PAG,	Al Burleson - K7HW,
Bob Heselberg - K7MXE,	Jack Hegseth - K7DBU,	Doyle Wenzel - N7UJK
Frank Wolfe - NM7R,	Stan Nelson - K7DKK,	Casey Hicks - WW7CH,
Mike Ping - N3KPU,	Dave Swartz - KC7RRH,	David Gutierrez - WA6PMX,
	Roger Hansen - W6TOZ	

Excused Absence:

N7SS - Scott Honaker,	Tim Osburn, W7RSZ	Steve Van Wambeck, N9VW
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Unexcused Absence:

Bill Balzarini - KL7BB,	Steve Szombathy W7UDI,	Steve Szombathy W7UDI
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In accordance with Article IX, Section 3a of the bylaws, a quorum was present.

The Meeting was started at 10:03AM at The Morken Center for Learning & Technology on the PLU Campus.

Introductions were made

Previous meeting minutes were approved as posted on the website.

Secretary's report: Roger Hansen, W6TOZ assumed the full duties of WWARA secretary instead of just assisting W7LMR. Since the June general meeting, 149 Coordination certificates have been mailed; two minor changes to the bandchair's interface to the data base have been made: 'Not Expired' coordination display includes PENDING applications; and "Expired" has been added as a status code. A new experimental band-chair report form has been created (see below).

Treasurer's Report: the treasurer presented Profit/Loss and account Balance sheets. There was no discussion nor was there a motion to accept the report.

Band Chair (BC) reports:

2-meter BC submitted his report via email too late for inclusion.

220 Band Chair reported two applications see below.

6 meter, ¾ meter, and 900/1.2Gig band chairs did not submit a report.

Data Base Janitor's Report: Data base Janitor is a task and not a position nor a committee.

When the data base is considered by the band chairs to reflect the current status of repeaters in WWARA jurisdiction, the task shall be considered complete.

The job is to clean out all the old expired coordination records. E.g. There were "OPEN" coordinations that had expired as far back as 2001 that were not closed out.

There is no longer any 'backlog' of paper applications. The data base has all the records.

The data base is beginning to appear in better shape than in the past.

OLD BUSINESS:

The need for a meeting of band chairs to discuss the future of the data base has not been called. This is a priority item for the 4th quarter of this year. There was a little discussion.

D-Star and Narrow Banding the Band Plan - This subject drew a lively discussion. Opinions voiced ranged from "do nothing" to "narrow band all of them".

NEW BUSINESS:

IRS 990 form - IRS requires non-profit organizations to submit 990 forms. We did not do so in 2009 and the IRS informed us of the delinquency and that we would lose our tax-free status if the 990 is not submitted by Oct 1. The discussion included the names of folks in other organizations that have submitted a "post-card" form of the 990 report. These will be followed up.

Early renewals of coordinations: A hypothetical case was presented in which a ham applies for coordination of a frequency pair, gets it and the certificate and then soon afterward applies for a renewal, expecting an expiration date of 10 years after the initial approval. The secretary wants a change to the policies to specify a minimum period prior to expiration that a renewal could be applied for. The discussion was lively and ranged from "there should be no expirations" to an agreement to a minimum period.

A secondary discussion, also lively, concerned the possibility of having a renewal applicant specify the expiration date, and to allow a coordination holder with several coordinated repeaters renew the coordinations specifying a specific expiration date. This date must be less than 5 years after the expiration of the current coordination for each repeater. It was agreed that this could be done without modification of the policies document, but the Secretary insists that any change to expiration date be included in the policies document so that future officers would have to come to the membership to change or abolish this change to the policy.

Multiple Renewals on on \$5 fee: This situation was presented as an actual case. The Policies and By-Laws do not expressly define a \$5 fee for each renewal application, but such has been the accepted practice since 1970's. There is text in the By-laws stating that if the applicant of the renewal wants a Certificate, the \$5 fee needs to be paid for each renewal. There was a discussion on this issue and the consensus at the meeting indicated \$5 for each renewal should be the policy.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be Dec 11, 2010. It will be an elections meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:43 AM

Respectfully Submitted

Roger Hansen (signed)

Roger Hansen, W6TOZ
Secretary Pro Tempore

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220 Meter Band Chairman's Report for SEPT 2010

Line #	Rptr xmit Freq'y	Call Sign	Location	TR #	STATUS	Activity
1	223.860	WA7ZWG	Camano Island	4070	Pending	Test period ending soon
2	224.56	N7BTI	Gold Mtn	4023	Expired	Remove from pending. Classify as Expired.
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1	145.210	K7MO	Tacoma	3059	Pending	in polls
2	145.250	K7KG	ASHFORD	3054	Pending	in polls
3	145.250	K2SPR	ORCAS ISLAND	3140	Pending	verifying co channel
4	145.390	W2ZT	Everett	3130	Pending	in polls
5	145.430	K7KFM	Chehalis	3010	Pending	needs co channel w AB7Y
6	146.680	WB7DOB	Three Sisters	3148	Pending	needs co channel
7	146.700	W7CDC	Bellingham	3142	Pending	in polls
8	146.700	K7KG	Pack Forest	3026	Pending	in polls
9	146.840	KC7RRH	Federal Way	3144	Pending	in polls
10	146.900	N7OHI	Saddle Mtn/Aberdeen	3036	Pending	Jan-07
11	146.920	N7SS	Granite Falls	3057	Pending	in polls
12	146.920	KD7VMK	Green Mtn/Verlot	3147	Pending	in polls
13	146.960	WA7ARC	Neilton	3146	Pending	
14	146.960	KC7IAY	Seattle	3047	Pending	Mar-09
15	147.040	WB7DOB	Three Sisters	3152	Pending	cancel
16	147.240	K7WAT	Raymond	3151	Pending	
17	147.240	KA7DNK	Raymond	3012	Pending	
18	147.260	WB7DOB	Three Sisters	3149	Pending	needs cochannel
19	147.300	WB7DOB	Three Sisters	3150	Pending	needs cochannel
20	147.300	KJ7OX	Longview	3035	Pending	
21	147.320	KL7WM	Kent	3129	Pending	Mar-06
22	147.360	K7CSH	Camano Is	3131	Pending	Aug-06
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