

WWARA General Meeting 17 Sept 2011 Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES:

Bill Balzarini, KL7BB
Al Akers, W7COP,
Jack Williams, W7HNH
Doyle Wenzel, N7UJK
Roger Hansen, W6TOZ

Dick Bohannon, W7CTR
Herman Entz, K7PAG
Bill Harris, W7KXB
Jerry Hooker, AE7IU
Peter Dahl, WA7FUS

Scott Honaker, N7SS
Frank Wolfe, NM7R
Jim Etwiler, KD7BAT
Mike Ping, N3KPU

ABSENCES - (all excused)

Tim Osburn, W7RSZ,
Steve Szombathy, W7UDI

Bryan Hoyer, KG6GEU,
Steve Van Wambeck, N9VW

John Hays, K7VE,

In accordance with Article IX, Section 3a of the bylaws, a quorum was present.

The Meeting was called to order at 10:03AM at the SEATAC Fire Station Training room at 2929 S. 200th St., SEATAC, Wa

The agenda and Officers reports were handed out.

Introductions were made.

Previous meeting minutes were approved as posted on the website.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: the treasurer presented a 3rd Quarter Profit/Loss Statements. MSP to accept treasurer's report.

Secretary's report. - In the third quarter there have been 39 coordination renewals and 11 new coordination applications. The WWARA federal tax-exempt status has been cancelled by the IRS.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(1) Band Chair (BC) reports:

Each band chair reviewed his list of PENDING coordination applications. 440 BC was absent, and the assistant has processed 9 PENDING coordinations - all of which are in WWARA board polling and member review.

(2) DATA BASE ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE - No report, chairman absent. The Chairman expressed the goal of having this project under way in the 4th Quarter.

(3) Banner/LOGO Committee - No report, chairman absent.

OLD BUSINESS

Loss of 503 (C) (3) status - The IRS 990 form was submitted via the company appointed by the IRS to receive the 990 submissions, A confirmation letter was received. An Apr 2011 resubmission was rejected showing 3 error codes and no explanation of the codes. In June 2011 the WWARA was removed from the tax exempt status.

It was recommended from the floor that the Secretary visit the local IRS office and see what can be done to get the WWARA back into tax exempt status.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by WA7FUS and seconded, that the WWARA post a downloadable (by all) repeater list on the WWARA web site. This list is currently only available to members logging into the WWARA database. The discussion centered on what data fields would be contained in the repeater list. The consensus was to show no more than what is in the ARRL repeater list. The WWARA board must approve the format of the display. Motion passed – 11 pro and 0 con.
2. A motion was made by WA7FUS and seconded, that the WWARA immediately discontinue collecting the \$5 fee for renewal coordination applications.
(note: The initial coordination is for 5 years and is renewable at the expiration date ± 6 months. There is currently a \$5 fee for initial coordination applications and also for renewal applications)
The motion passed – 11 pro and 1 con.
3. A motion was made by WA7FUS and seconded, that WWARA coordination holders be required to submit updated/current information {i.e. TDS or equivalent (tbd)} at least annually in order to maintain their coordination status. Coordinations for which no updates have been received for 3 (three) consecutive years, will trigger de-coordination procedures. In the discussion the secretary announced that, we have no on-line update capability - thus, this motion will increase the secretarial workload by a factor of 5. The secretary announced his immediate resignation if this motion passes. The consensus was that this motion is premature in light of the data base enhancement progress. An amendment was offered for this motion to take effect when the WWARA has an on-line update capability.

The motion was withdrawn by WA7FUS prior to the call for the question.

4. A motion was made by WA7FUS and seconded, that WWARA adopt a paperless meetings, requiring that reports and agendas be posted on the WWARA Web site two weeks ahead of the scheduled meeting as downloadable files. In the discussion, it was recommended that the member reflector be used rather than the web site due to the sensitive nature of the financial data in the treasurer's report. The discussion also recommended that the reports and agendas be submitted two weeks ahead of the WWARA Quarterly general meeting. It was also stipulated that each officer/band chair submit his/her report direct to the member reflector. This motion passed 11 pro and 0 con.

NEXT MEETING: The next scheduled General meeting is for December 3 , 2011. This was changed from the December 17th date published in the Agenda for this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:50AM.

Respectfully submitted:

Roger Hansen, W6TOZ
2011 Secretary, WWARA