

WWARA – General Meeting Minutes Dec 6, 2014

Frank Wolfe, NM7R	Steve Szombathy, W7UDI	Dick Bohannon, W7CTR
Kenny Richards, KU7M	John Dawson, KE7OXR	Stan Nelson, K7DKK
Peter Dahl, WA7FUS	Cory Johnson, NQ1E	Lorraine Nelson, K7LJN
Roger Hansen, W6TOZ	Scott Honaker, N7SS	Adrian Jones, KC7IYE
Steve Mckeen, W7QLO		

Absences

Mike Ping – N3KPU, Mike Chaplin – NC7Q, Allen Hulse – KE7IQQ

In accordance with Article IX, Section 3a of the bylaws, a quorum was present. The meeting was called to order at 10:05am at the SeaTac Fire Station 45 Training room. Introductions were made. The minutes of the Sept. 6th general meeting were approved as posted on the website.

Officer's Report

Treasurer Report: currently \$17,992.23 in funds. Full details available upon request.

Secretary Report: other than five TDS submitted during meeting, 100% caught up with applications and renewals. There are 11 certificates in the queue to be printed. At the beginning of October, there were 46 expired coordination's in the system. Based on the work of W6TOZ, 28 have since renewed or asked for the pairs to be returned to the pool.

The ARRL repeater guide updates are due by the middle of January; I will make one more pass before the due date. It was pointed out that while I have been updating the ARRL all year long with new coordinated repeaters, I have not been deleting those that had been canceled. This will be my focus in December. The WWARA Board of Directors contact list for the Repeater Guide has also been updated. (Was at least five years out of date.)

Adjacent Areas: W6TOZ attempted to contact Canadian system owners operating on 444.6250 about possible interference with his system. Has been unable to contact the owners, his system has never experienced any interference and he has never directly received an interference report. Since the Canadian system is P25 only, it was recommended W6TOZ precede.

Committee Reports

6/10 Meters – Frank Wolfe, NM7R

No active applications, only activity is returning of 6m pair to pool.

2 Meters – Peter Dahl, WA7FUS

There are 12 active applications in pipeline. Three are currently in polling, two are in testing and the rest are pending.

220 Band – Peter Dahl, WA7FUS

One pending application

440/430 Repeaters & Links – 440 Band Committee

23 current applications in the system, of those 13 are in testing, 6 pending, one up for Board of Directors vote and 3 links are waiting for rest of system to be installed.

900/1.2Ghz – Scott Honaker, N7SS

Two proposed 900 applications and one 1.2Ghz proposed system. Scott received an update on K7DKK 900 system during the meeting.

Database Enhancement Committee – Kenny Richards, KU7M

No updates

Old Business

Update on new TDS Form – N7SS

- Form is approved, requested to post on website.

- NQ1E offered help turning into PDF form.
- Request from W6TOZ to add transmitted PL to the form/database.
- Another discussion about publishing repeater location. No change to existing policy, which is to collect accurate data and allow trustee to decide if they want it published.

New Business

Review proposal for WWARA donation to ARRL Teacher Fund – WA7FUS

- Would like to make a sizable donation to help fund this worthwhile charity.
- The WWARA resources far exceed our current needs and we should return some of it to a worthwhile cause.
- Proposed initial donation of \$1000 to \$1500. With follow up with additional donations next year.
- Motion put forward by Daniel that we donate \$1000 immediately, seconded by Steve. Discussion by Cory to look for more local cause, which was reviewed. But nothing was found that targeted this specific area (education).
- **Motion made to donate \$1000 to ARRL Education fund.**
 - Motion passed 14 for, none against.

Review proposed By Laws changes – NM7R

- Section 6 – change non-consecutive term limitation. Proposed change to allow consecutive term if no eligible candidates.
- Section 4 – move membership maintenance duties from Secretary to Treasurer.
- Vote will be taken during the March 2015 meeting on proposed changes.

Elections of Board of Directors and Officers – N7SS

- Existing Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer & Secretary will run again. No other nominations.
- K7DKK – Director 1
- N7UJK – Director 3
- Voted and elected

Identify quarterly meeting dates for 2015 – NM7R

- March 28th, 2015
- June 13, 2015
- Sept 19th, 2015
- Dec 5, 2015

Website Update Requested

- Change DB extract to Repeater Directory on website
- Located PDF and CSV versions in same location

Request assistants verify 440 repeaters - N7SS

- As of October, we are almost out of open 440 pairs.
- N7SS requested help confirm all currently coordinated systems are still active and on the air.
- Suggest adding new 'state' to database to track off the air coordinates, which starts the six-month clock for coordination to be cancelled.

Next Meeting: March 28th, 2015 / Sea-Tec Fire Station 45 / Time : 10am-12pm

Adjourn Meeting: (11:55)

Respectfully Submitted: KU7M