

W.W.A.R.A. – General Meeting Minutes February 20, 2016

Al Burleson – K7HW	Kenny Richards – KU7M	Rob Lee – K7TGU
Stan Nelson – K7DKK	Lorraine Nelson – K7LJN	Peter Dahl – WA7FUS
Rob Salsgiver – NR30	Bill McGuire – N7MTC	Joe Kochera – KG7SOR

Absences

Doyle Wenzel, N7UJK, Frank Wolf, NM7R and Scott Honaker, N7SS

In accordance with Article IX, Section 3a of the bylaws, a quorum was present. The meeting was called to order at 10:02am at the Tukwila Fire Station #51. Introductions were made and by a motion the minutes of the December 5, 2015 general meeting was approved, as posted on the website.

Peter-WA7FUS filled in as Chairman due to Frank-NM7R being held up in traffic and unable to attend.

Officer's Reports

Treasurer Report:

- WA7FUS submitted summary of accounts, full details are available upon request.
- Current assets total \$17,413.75

Secretary Report:

- All TDS received prior to the morning of the meeting have been processed.
- Currently behind on generating Certificates of Coordination's, software bug discovered for handling GPS coordinates after adding support for new ARRL format. Will address software bug ASAP and process certificates. (EDITOR NOTE: Completed as of 3/8/16)
- An updated TDS form should be available soon that addresses the missing fields identified during the ARRL submission process.

Committee Reports

6/10 Meters – Frank Wolfe, NM7R

- Submitted band report available on Yahoo! member reflector.

2 Meters – Peter Dahl, WA7FUS

- Five active applications, see 2m band report for details
- Four are currently in testing/pending and one is proposed (not on air)

220 – Peter Dahl, WA7FUS

- Two active applications, both in pending/testing state.

440/430 Repeaters & Links – 440 Band Committee

- 22 current applications in the system.
- Incoming rate for new 440 coordination's has slowed down compared to previous three months.

900 / 1.2Ghz – Scott Honaker, N7SS

- Two proposed 902Mhz applications in process
 - All have been slowed by lack of updates
- There is one 1204 DD Applications currently polling the BoD

Database Enhancement Committee – Kenny Richards, KU7M

- No progress update on publishing all pending/proposed applications along with coordinated CSV file. Will work on feature when GPS lat/long issue is addressed, which is preventing the publishing of Certificates.

Old Business:

Technical Committee – NM7R

- No updates on membership

Reviewed proposal for re-defining 70cm Packet repeater sub-band – KU7M

- Reviewed proposal for re-allocating five wide analog FM channels for packet repeaters to eight narrow band digital channels. (440.700-440.775)
- Proposal aligns with existing Tacoma DMR repeater (coordinated) and non-coordinated DSTAR repeater (W7ACS-B) in Seattle.
- Feedback from group was in support of effort and recommend moving forward with official proposal.
- KU7M will post proposal to member reflector and put on agenda at next regular meeting.

New Business

Update on ARRL Repeater Guide

- ARRL list for printed Repeater Guide was locked down in early January; WWARA was up to date at that time.
- ARRL notified WWARA board that they are dis-continuing mobile application (iOS / Android). Will 'replace' effort by endorsing application published by RFinder.
- General concern raised that RFinder organization does not have same quality bar for ensuring data is accurate.
- ARRL did verify that no data they collect will be shared with RFinder.

New 440 Band Chair nomination

- Scott-N7SS stepped down as acting 440 Band Chair in mid-January
- Rob-NR30 has been active in assisting 440 band chair for last three months and committee recommended him for as chairman.
- No other candidates identified or volunteered, NR30 accepted position.
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Identify quarterly meeting dates for 2016 (NM7R)

- Feb 20th
- June 18th
- Sept 17th
- Dec 3rd

Next Meeting: June 18, 2016 / Tukwila Fire Station #51 / Time: 10am – 12pm

Adjourn Meeting: 10:55AM