

W.W.A.R.A. – General Meeting Minutes September 23, 2017

Peter Dahl – WA7FUS	Rob Lee - K7TGU	
Kenny Richards – KU7M	Doyle Wenzel, N7UJK	
Frank Wolf – NM7R	Rob Salsgiver, NR30	

Absences

Stan Nelson – K7DKK, 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 March 4, 2017 general meeting was approved, as posted on the website.

Officer's Reports

Treasurer Report:

- WA7FUS submitted summary of accounts, full details are available upon request.
- Current assets total \$16,296.22

Secretary Report:

- All TDS received prior to the morning of the meeting have been processed.
- All Certificates of Coordination's approved in the last three months were e-mailed on 9/16/17.
- Another e-mailing will be sent to all trustee's with coordination's which have expired in the last 6 months and those due to expire in the next 90 days by Sept 25, 2017. *(NOTE: This has been completed)*

Committee Reports

IACC/BCARCC/ORRC

- ORRC – NM7R update on Lyman Hill interference reports

6/10 Meters – Frank Wolfe, NM7R

- No active applications

2 Meters – Peter Dahl, WA7FUS

- Submitted band report available on Yahoo! Member reflector and attached to minutes.
- There are 13 active coordination applications on file, with five out for public comment.
- Looking for update on 147.12/KH6VM machine in Everett, no contact on status for a long time.

220 – Peter Dahl, WA7FUS

- Submitted band report available on Yahoo! Member reflector and attached to minutes.
- There are seven active coordination applications on file.

440/430 Repeaters & Links – 440 Band Committee

- Submitted band report attached to minutes.
- There are 15 active coordination applications on file. Five are new applications made in the last month and several having entered their 90-day testing period.
- NR30 reported he will not be able to continue as the 70cm band chair next year and requested volunteers contact the board if they are interested in the post.

900 / 1.2Ghz – Scott Honaker, N7SS

- One 927Mhz repeater in proposed status, which is still awaiting installation.
- No 1.2Ghz applications

Database Enhancement Committee – Kenny Richards, KU7M

- No update since last general meeting on DB, due to KU7M's busy work schedule and summer activities. Goal is to spend winter completing overhaul of site and transition to current version of PHP, which will allow us to host the site anywhere. (Current installation is running on private box owned by WWARA in donated space at local datacenter. Version of OS and PHP running the site is no longer supported)
- KU7M reported the WWARA member who arranged for the server to be hosted in the local datacenter is no longer employed with the ISP. There is no immediate threat to the box, but we should prepare for the eventual need to relocate it to another location and/or hosting service like Amazon AWS.
- No update from RFinder on providing API support for automated updates.

Old Business:

Technical Committee – NM7R

- No updates on membership or volunteers

New Business

Discussion on discontinuing accepting paper TDS's

- The number of TDS's received via the PO Box has dropped off to almost zero in the last year. This has resulted in the PO Box only being checked once a month. The side effect of this change is that when a TDS is mailed in, it could sit in the PO Box for 30 days before being processed.
- The long-term goal is to move to a completely paperless solution, so eventually trustee's can update their coordination online and we can decrease the renewal time from five years to one year.
- As a short-term fix, group voted for the webpage to be updated and ask members submitting TDS's via the PO Box to send a notification via e-mail that they have done it. This will help get it retrieved sooner.

WA7FUS requested feedback on proper WWARA process for co-channel requests

- The number of 2m applications has increased recently and that has triggered a flood of co-channel requests. Today to put up a 2m repeater, the owner will be co-channeling with at least one other existing repeater and often times multiple.
- The WWARA will suggest the new application always reach out to the existing repeater owners and request a co-channel. This promotes communication and helps ensure the most efficient usage of our limited channels.
- Existing coordination's do not have a guaranteed monopoly on a repeater frequency, as a shared resource we need to work together to maximize the available channels. A user outside of the stated coverage area for a coordinated machine hearing both repeaters does not constitute 'interference'.

Reviewed definition of eight 2m narrowband digital pairs

- Recent question about coordination application on one of eight special NBD pairs, for an analog repeater, raised question of whether repeater need to be 'digital' and what digital meant.
- Two examples were used for meeting requirement.
 - Commonly used digital modes in use today by Amateurs. Examples include, but not limited to DSTAR, DMR and Fusion.
 - Packet radio repeaters, where bandwidth fits within the 12.5 kHz slots defined in the coordination policies.

Next Meeting: June 17, 2017 / Tukwila Fire Station #51 / Time: 10am – 12pm

Adjourn Meeting: 12:04PM