

## W.W.A.R.A. – General Meeting Minutes Sept 28, 2019

Kenny Richards – KU7M	Kirk Bellar - N7UK	Steve Van Wambeck, N9VW
Steve Stroh – N8JNK	Frank Wolf – NM7R	Doyle Wenzel, N7UJK
Rob Chatham, AF7PR	Daniel Stevens – KL7NM	Bob Othmer N7LNS
Rob Salsgiver – NR3O	Rich Salter – KF7BJI	

### Absences:

Stan Nelson, K7DKK, Peter Dahl, WA7FUS, Scott Honaker, N7SS

In accordance with Article IX, Section 3a of the bylaws, a quorum was present. The meeting was called to order at 10:07am at the Tukwila Fire Station #51. Introductions were made and by a motion the minutes of the March 2, 2019 general meeting was approved, as posted on the website.

### Officer's Reports

#### Treasurer Report:

- KU7M read a summary of the accounts
  - Expenses included payment to USPS for POBox
- Full details are available upon request.
- Current assets total \$15,702.65

#### Secretary Report:

- All TDS received prior to Sept 26 have been processed. (Small set received in last 48 hrs which will be processed over the weekend)
- All Certificates of Coordination's approved in the last three months were e-mailed on Sept 26.
- The expired and about to expire coordination lists on the website are now updated daily.

### Committee Reports

#### IACC/BCARCC/ORRC

- ORCC – Copies of the current Narrowband Proposal were sent to Darron Wilson, N7HQR, per his request during Seaside presentation. The ORCC is currently discussing adapting some type of 2m digital narrowband plan.
- BC – Sent George Merchant, VE7QH was forwarded the current Narrowband Proposal based on a request of Frank Wolfe, NM7R.

#### 6/10 Meters – Frank Wolfe, NM7R

- No active applications

#### 2 Meters – Peter Dahl, WA7FUS

- Five active applications, of which two are currently polling by the board and one is out for public comment period. The fourth is currently in the testing period and the last application is in a unknown status (147.4375/NA7Q)
- There are five applications currently in the proposed phased (not on air) During the meeting AF7PR reported that 147.4124 is now on the air and ready to begin testing.
- See band chair report for details

#### 220 – Peter Dahl, WA7FUS

- Two active applications, both in testing phase.
- See band chair report for details

#### 440/430 Repeaters & Links – Steve Van Wambeck, N9VW

- Howard Wilhelm, K7UID has resigned as the 440 band chair due to personal reasons. During the meeting Steve Van Wambeck, N9VW was appointed as the temporary chairman. A formal BoD vote will occur by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 to consider any other nominations for the role.
- Kenny, KU7M will work with transitioning the 440 band chair status to N9VW with K7UID.
- The latest status of the 440 band shows 19 applications in the proposed state, meaning the

repeater has not been put on the air yet. At least eight of them are beyond the six month period to put the repeater on the air before cancelling the application. Ten applications are in some state of the testing period and one application is up for board vote before going to public comment period.

#### 900 / 1.2Ghz – Scott Honaker, N7SS

- Two 927Mhz repeaters are up for Board approval and should be in public comment period in a week.

#### Database Enhancement Committee – Kenny Richards, KU7M

- No updates since March, progress has stalled on migrating the database software to current versions and a virtual instance with AWS. Rob Salsgiver, NR30 volunteered to assist in the upgrade.

### **Old Business**

- Transition to Narrowband Channels 2m/70cm Proposal
  - Reviewed the current proposal from the Narrowband working group, which was published on the WWARA website and groups.io channel on Sept 24, 2019.
  - The following are the notes/suggestions given during the meeting.
    - Add the 70cm mapping to the appendix, like the 2m one currently
    - Reach out to instructors of Tech/General classes and request small section about narrowband be added to classes to introduce the topic.
    - Consider part of a transition plan where an wide band analog repeater could 'shift' in frequency to fit within two of the new narrowband channels. Allowing an existing wide band repeater to 'align' with the new plan, while staying wide band. (But allowing other narrowband channels around it to transition)
    - Develop a public outreach program to begin socializing the transition with clubs and groups in western Washington. This included getting a slot at next year's Comm Academy.
    - Identify how many current 70cm repeaters are already narrowband and explore options to 'transition them' to specific segment of the band to kick start the effort.
    - Explore the option of low level analog wide band repeaters (in 2m specifically) which would consider moving to narrowband analog today. There were two possible repeaters identify during the meeting.
    - Draft half page summary of proposal by EOY and include in the Mike & Key public service brochure distributed at Puyallup.

### **New Business**

- Update on Seaside Presentation
  - Positive turn out (nearly full room), with a good discussion on narrowband proposal.
  - All agreed that it should be repeated next year and directed Kenny to request a slot on the agenda.

**Adjourn Meeting:** 12:14 PM

**Next Meeting:** Dec 7, 2019 / Tukwila Fire Station #51 / Time: 10am – 12pm