



Western Washington Repeater Association

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WWRA Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, 1600 local time, November 18, 2011

Members at Meeting

Eric, AC7K – present

Ed, K7EAA – present

Bill, KE7JRT – present

Bill, N7YT – present

George, N7GME – present

Joe, K7MMX- operations committee - present

1. PRESIDENT. Brought the meeting to order at 1603.
 - a. ELECTIONS: The board of director members asked if everyone would volunteer for the 2012 meeting to run together as one slate. All agreed.
 1. Bill, N7YT announced that he will be retiring in 2012 and possibly leaving the area so he wants to have a smooth turnover of the treasurers job. This job needs close documentation and a second officer helping which is the arrangement at this time to ensure no mistakes are made. It also requires two account names at the Kitsap Credit Union that is the president and the treasurer. Eric, AC7K has volunteered to be treasurer providing his health issues do not prevent it. Ed, W7EAA has volunteered to move into the president's slot and all others will remain in place. We need a new VP candidate and K7MMX Joe Wasson said he would think about it and let us know later.
 2. At the general meeting we will ask for nominations to fill any slots or a slate can be introduced to run.
 3. We will ask for volunteers from the floor for the audit board and additional operations committee members who preferably live in the Kitsap area.
2. SECRETARY:
 - a. MEETING MINUTES: Read minutes of previous Board meeting.
 1. Board approved as read.
3. PRESIDENT.
 - a. GENERAL MEETING DUTIES: Discussed who does what at the next general meeting.
 - b. MEETING SALES & PRIZES: Door prize and raffle prize. We should discuss the following options:
 1. The board discussed door and raffle prizes.
 - a) As always we want the raffle prize sales to cover or approximate the costs of both radios.
 - b) The Kenwood TM-281 was selected as door prize since the low price is within our budget.
 - c) The Kenwood TH-72 was selected as the raffle prize. It has a built in GPS and TNC.
 - d) 2012 GENERAL MEETING LOCATION is at the Eagles Nest facility, Kitsap County Fairgrounds. All agreed we should keep it at the same location for future years.
 - e) We also have the RLC-2 controller and the accompanying DVR-1 with cable that needs to be raffled off or sold in some way at the meeting. We currently have it on QRZ for combined sale price. It was decided to place it in a SILENT AUCTION.

4. SECRETARY:
 - a. RECRUITMENT:
 1. As of November we have 159 supporting members for 2011.
 2. Reminder to RENEW email will be sent out 1 December. Our routine policy for door prize tickets is that everyone who pays by the due date of 1 January gets three chances and those who pay later get one ticket at the meeting. George, N7GME and Bill, KE7JRT will provide these three tickets from a list provided by the treasurer Bill, N7YT.
5. TREASURER REPORT:
 1. Bill, N7YT made a financial report to the board and copy of the whole report will be attached to the general meeting minutes in January.
6. CHIEF of OPERATIONS REPORT.
 - a. George, N7GME briefed the board on the following:
 1. Coordination of Frequencies. We coordinated both repeater frequencies with the WWARA for another five years in July.
 2. Weather stations. New anemometer and ice shield were installed this past year. Much trouble shooting and replacement of parts was necessary to get everything up to standards. Just in time for the bad weather.
 3. VHF Repeater System(s). A plan that has been in the works for a long time is finally coming together and is as follows.
 - a) **VHF Repeater System A.** The current controller and VHF repeater in use now, referred to as System A has served us for the past 10 years, however the controller has had some programming issues that we have had to work around and is doing the job okay but needs to be sent back to the manufacturer LinkSys for refurbishment. A chip that provides some audio capabilities needs replacing and we did not want to take the whole system down to fix a peripheral.
 - b) **VHF Repeater System B.** We now have a new second controller and new VHF repeater, referred to as System B, on the workbench being programmed and will be installed when this tedious job is completed.
 - c) **Maintenance of System A.** Once System B's controller is back from LinkSys and we hook it back up with its VHF repeater it will be operational. This gives us a second complete repeater system providing redundancy allowing us to shift systems, as we desire with no loss of service to the community.
 - d) **Alternate VHF Repeater.** Once we have our two systems up and running the old [20 years] "Alternate VHF Repeater" that is in currently in hot standby will be EXCESSED and sold.
7. OLD BUSINESS.
8. NEW BUSINESS.
9. Meeting adjourned at 1709.