



Western Washington Repeater Association

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WWRA Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, 1600 local time, December 19, 2008

1. PRESIDENT. Eric, AC7K brought the meeting to order at 1600 and members present were:
 - President Eric, AC7K
 - Vice President Ed, K7EAA appointed by president & unanimously ratified by board *
 - Secretary Bill, KE7JRT – (arrived 20 minutes late)
Appointed by president & unanimously ratified by board *
 - Treasurer Bill, N7YT
 - Chief Operator George, N7GME
 - a. First order of business for board of directors.
 1. * Bill, KE7JRT resigned from his VP position and was appointed by the president to fill the vacancy for the Terry, N7YZX secretary slot and all board members voted him in this temporary position.
 2. * President appointed Ed, K7EAA as temporary Vice President and all board officers voted him in this temporary position. Ed also became a volunteer member of the operations committee.
 - b. All board of director members decided to volunteer for the 2009 meeting to run together as one slate.
 - c. At the general meeting we will ask for nominations to fill any slots or a slate can be introduced to run along with asking for volunteers from the floor for the audit board and operations committee.
2. SECRETARY:
 - a. MEETING MINUTES: Previous board meeting minutes were not available so everyone was asked to read them on the web and they will be read at the next board meeting.
3. PRESIDENT. The following topics were discussed, voted on and adopted policies on the following items.
 - a. BUSINESS USE of HAM RADIO: This past year two contactors was conducting their daily business on the repeater. We sent them a letter and they stopped. The WWRA is located on a commercial site and cannot afford our amateur radio repeater to be used for commercial business since we are guests at the site. All board members agreed.
 - b. ANNOUNCEMENT over VHF repeater without use of call signs constituting illegal transmissions. We sent letter to suspected station but received no reply. Transmissions ceased.
 - c. NETS: The policy in regards to sponsoring club nets and subsequent recruitment of supporting members should be that all should be solicited. All board members agreed.
 1. BACKGROUND: In all cases with the exception of one club net we have requested all net users support the WWRA. There are several groups who use the VHF repeater and all them support the WWRA. This past 18 months we ran into some negative feedback when we gave a green light to a group for their club net who felt we were “harassing” them by sending them support requests by mail. We even had one user complain that a board member made a negative statement that turned out to be untrue. To avoid this potential animosity with future groups we will have an established one policy that fits all.
 - d. OCTOBER 2008 HAMFEST: Eric, AC7K and Bill, KE7JRT represented the WWRA at the hamfest. The WWRA had many renewals and support future ham fests with our presence since the NKARC has been a stalwart supporter of the WWRA.

- e. GENERAL MEETING DUTIES: The board divided up the chores at the general meeting.
 - 1. Collection of dues at door – Bill, N7YT
 - 2. Selling of RAFFLE tickets – Eric, AC7K
 - 3. Providing door prize tickets with list from treasurer – Bill, KE7JRT
 - 4. Selling patches and assisting with RAFFLE tickets sales – Ed, W7EAA
 - 5. Setting up video presentation, monitoring silent auction and assisting treasurer.
- 4. MEMBERSHIP:
 - 1. We maintain secretary's User A List and share it with all board members as needed. Reminder to RENEW announcement will commence 1 December.
 - 2. Continuous monitoring by all board members sending emails to wwra@telebyte.com will add to Users 'A' list. Immediately send welcome letter to all new calls, at this point in time it would be KE call signs. The KE is at the W point. Encourage all members to assist in requesting ALL users to support the WWRA.
 - 3. As has been our policy we do not want to recruit directly on the air. If non-members ask we can give them information but it is best to direct them to our website. Send their call sign to wwra@telebyte.com the secretary will mail information.
 - 4. On rare occasions we will ask a user if his or her correct address has been given to the FCC. Some users forget to report their change of address with the FCC and this is a technical violation since FCC requires reporting within 10 days.
 - 5. Making up the code cards is time consuming. We will include the codes in the initial welcome letter and dispense with the separate and costly printing of cards.
- 5. TREASURER REPORT
 - a. 2009 GENERAL MEETING LOCATION: We have already reserved the 2009 general meeting to the Poulsbo Kitsap Regional Library because it will be about one-third the costs. Currently it costs \$80 for the current location and only \$30 for the Poulsbo location. Eric, AC7K mentioned that another group had signed up the library for Saturday mornings so George, N7GME said he would double-check our reservation which has been in for a year.
 - b. MEETING SALES & PRIZES: The board decided to authorize procurement of one dual band and two HT radios so as to spread the prizes around to more winners. The raffle winners will get the mobile and one HT. Eric, AC7K has possession of a UHF antenna donated by Jim, WA7JK that will be sold at silent auction. If the donated items for the silent auction do not sell we will pull raffle tickets until a winner takes the auction item(s). The other HT goes to the door prize winner. Tickets will \$2 each, 3 for \$5. Additionally, the first raffle ticket winner gets his choice of the dual band mobile rig or the HT. It is assumed that most winners will take the mobile rig however this gives them the choice.
 - 1. Reminder of our routine policy. Everyone who pays by the due date gets three door prize chances and those who pay later get one ticket at the meeting.
- 6. CHIEF of OPERATIONS REPORT.
 - a. REPEATER WORK: George, N7GME briefed and recommended some changes to our repeater operations.
 - 1. Renewed the WW7RA license on line for \$12.30 for another 10 years on November 4th. <http://www.qrz.com/detail/WW7RA>
 - 2. Will change control operator codes since we have not heard from Jim, N6ECV.
 - 3. Latest and current status of repeater. Report to the board a list of all the work that has been done in the last year.
 - a) Echolink. Terminated in June.

- b) Microphone Encoder. Recommend terminate. After briefing board agreed.
- c) APRS working fine.
- d) VHF repeater. Briefed issues in May and resolution. Working fine now.
- e) UHF repeater. Briefed issues in June and resolution. Working fine now.
- f) Weather stations. Ongoing issues. Will install U-2000 control keyboard for weather voice reporting on next hill trip.
- g) Continually get requests to add additional repeaters, i.e. 1.2 GHZ, 220-repeater system and the latest was a UHF element to APRS. We cannot put any additional antennae up since we are at a commercial site. Our host has told us this and to ask to install additional hardware would draw unnecessary attention to us. We are very fortunate to have this location and should remain as invisible as we can.

7. OLD BUSINESS None

8. NEW BUSINESS. None

9. Meeting adjourned at 1730.