



WWRA 2008 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Minutes

Being held at the

Eagles Nest Room, 1200 Fairgrounds Road - Bremerton, WA Saturday, January 26, 2008

1. President Eric, KE7EDW brought the meeting to order at 12:30pm and made the following acknowledgements and announcements.
 - a. All donator names were read aloud and displayed on the screen.
 - b. Randy, KD7UXY was acknowledged as WWRA Recruiter of the Year for 2007.
 - c. The president introduced all the board officers and held roll call.
 - d. Announced that the drawings for the door and raffle prize will be held at the end of the meeting.
 - e. The president asked for donations for the FREE table where anyone can bring in anything associated with ham radio to give away. Items such as CQ or QST magazine that someone can get some use out of. Working equipment would be okay. Please no junk.
 - f. If you want to donate something to the repeater for the silent auction that is okay but we don't take anything on consignment. Only total gift to repeater which any profits would go to WWRA treasury.
 - g. We will hold our next General Meeting on January 31st, 2009, at the Poulsbo Regional Library. The reason for this move is that it costs about 1/3 of what our current meeting place costs, and it will hold the same amount of members.
 - h. President announced that the WWRA encourages community support in the use of our repeater system. We ask that clubs or groups desiring to use either repeater give us notice since we may have some planned maintenance and do not want to interfere with the net. We also have a procedure that can be downloaded from the website that we request groups to use.
 - i. President explained how the silent auction is going to work.
 - j. WWRA has a few WWRA souvenirs on sale here left over from previous meetings. When we run out here they will only be available to be purchased from the website.
2. Secretary, Terry, N7YZX read minutes of the 2007 general meeting and minutes were passed as read.
 - a. Terry, N7YZX had administrative remarks that included the following; In 2007 we expended 436 administrative hours, the secretary requested to highlight change of address from members by indicating NEW address on forms, indicate ham members of household on applications, newsletter is no longer developed, pointed out that the FCC only allows 10 days after you have a permanent address change, our membership has been growing steadily with a chart displaying 173 members for 2007, we reserve the right to solicit ALL users so encourage your buddies to support the WWRA if they use it. Thank you.
3. Treasurer, Bill, N7YT read the financial report and approved as read with no questions.
 - a. Bill, N7YT, made comments on the following: Please write your CALL SIGN on your check. It requires a lot of work to figure out who you are, please write WWRA only on your checks. We have many members who donate extra money to the repeater and tell us at the time of submitting their check. When you send in money and it is over the \$20 dues level please let us know what you want us to do with it otherwise we will designate the overage as a DONATION.



4. Chief Operator, George, N7GME report included the following: In 2007 121 hours that included 30 hill trips were made for maintenance and repair operations. Fuel costs limit trips to planned events when we can accomplish more than one task. George emphasized that use of call signs is a requirement.
 - a. We need a volunteer to run Echolink after June 2008.
 - b. HDTV may cause us some issues with our present location in the generator room. We have been told that it would interfere however we plan for the worst.
 - c. Briefed the membership on the new Electrical Distribution Box installation that will organize the years of accumulated wiring. The transmitter cabinet wiring was neat at the time it was built however the move in 1999 inside the generator room has led to confused wiring [screen photo] so the this panel will be wired during several future trips.
 - d. He also gave a detailed explanation of how the old 1988 year UPS was randomly shutting down the repeater. Either during routine testing of the emergency generator, during switching loads or actual emergencies the repeater would shut down and would have a 50/50 chance of returning to service. This would require extra runs to the hill for resetting on occasion if it did not reboot on its own. In December 2007 a more advanced UPS that works well with emergency generators replaced the old one. A cable can be run from the controller to the new UPS and monitored remotely.
 - e. The membership was briefed on the new capability of transmission "fingerprinting" which is comparable to the 68 machine. This will allow identification of all users on the WWRA system.
5. Auditor's report:
 - a. No one volunteered for audit report.
6. OLD BUSINESS. None.
7. NEW BUSINESS. None.
8. ELECTION of OFFICERS was held and the following officers were elected for 2008: Eric, KE7EDW for President, Bill, KE7JRT for Vice President, Bill, N7YT for Treasurer, Terry, N7YZX for Secretary/
9. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE NOMINEES: President read off of ops committee volunteers George, N7GME, Bill, N7YT, Eric, KE7EDW and Jim, N6ECV and all were elected. The operations committee then elected George, N7GME as chief operator.
10. AUDIT BOARD: Ask for volunteers from the floor for the Audit Board. None.
11. GUEST SPEAKER: None.
12. DRAWINGS:
 - a. RAFFLE prize won by Ed Saftich, AK7H of the Kenwood TM-D710.
 - b. DOOR prize won by Kim Aikens, AC7YY of the Yaesu 170 VHF HT.
 - c. Color printer won by Jerry Escalante, N7YGE and Dot Matrix printer won by Jim Ley, N6ECV.
 - d. SILENT AUCTION final bidder for Uninterrupted Power Supply was Bill, N7YT and ARRL 2007 Handbook final bidder was Rick Rose, KE7EMW.
13. President adjourned meeting at 1:33PM.