



WWRA 2011 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Held at the
Eagles Nest Room, 1195 Fairgrounds Road - Silverdale, WA at 12:00pm
Saturday, January 29th, 2011

1. President Eric, AC7K brought the meeting to order promptly at 12:00pm with 46 members in attendance.
 - a. The president acknowledged and thanked all Members who have become supporting members and also donated money beyond their membership are listed in on the website ROSTER.
 - b. Introduce yourself as President and ask the current officers; President, Eric, AC7K, Vice President, Ed, K7EAA, Secretary, Bill, KE7JRT, Treasurer, Bill, N7YT and Chief Operator, George, N7GME
 - c. Each attendee was asked to stand give their NAME, CALL SIGN and where from, NAME of TOWN.
 - d. We have streamlined the sign in sheet this year with your first name, call sign and city. Guests just put name and city if you are not an amateur radio operator.
 - e. We no longer have a space on the sign in neither sheet nor the applications. Too many emails are returned. Please send an email to ww7ra@q.com and type SUBSCRIBE in the subject line or text. Make sure you include your call sign in the email.
 - f. The president briefed attendees on the following general information;
 - a. Membership of the WWRA was 165 in 2010.
 - b. Please indicate by writing NEW ADDRESS on your check or use the form located on the website and check the box indicating a new address. This form can also be used to alert us of any other changes such as adding new licensee family member or change of phone number.
 - c. FCC allows only 10 days for you to have a permanent change of address before notifying them. If we hear you on the repeater and check your address and it is not up to date we are obliged to notify you. Keep us legal and change your address with the FCC.
 - d. When you add family member on your application please be sure to include call sign and first name.
 - e. When you renew on time and you already have a SPEED DIAL then it remains in force. If you renew late then you must indicate on your application you want a speed dial or send an email to ww7ra@q.com.
 - c. Please let us know when you get a new call sign. However due to the amount of database changes and other lists we will reflect the changes when you renew your membership in January.
 - d. We will be having a YAESU FT-1900 single band VHF mobile for DOOR prize and a YAESU dual band handheld for the RAFFLE prize.
 - e. We have a 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 you no longer want 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. Our next General Meeting on January 28th, 2012, at the EAGLES NEST at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds.
 - h. The WWRA encourages community support in the use of our repeater system. This is for "**public support**" type nets such as safety for races, Search and Rescue, traffic passing, etc. Private nets such as individuals and clubs we request to be WWRA supporting members.
 - i. For the collectors we have WWRA souvenir patches here on sale. See Bill, KE7JRT. We have other souvenirs available on the website.
 - j. The WWRA website www.ww7ra.org has just about any information about the repeater system you would want.



2. **REPORTS:** Officer Reports:

a. **Secretary minutes:**

Vice President Ed, K7EAA will read the minutes from the previous general meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

b. **Treasurers report:**

Bill, N7YT, WWRA Treasurer read the financial report and ask if there are any questions. A copy of the financial report is attached to these minutes.

c. **Auditor's report:**

a) Nelson, W7LUD and Ed, K7EAA were members of 2010 audit report. Nelson, W7LUD read audit report. A recommendation of having two signatures on the checking account was made and Eric, AC7K was added to that of the treasurers on the account. No other discrepancies were noted. A copy of audit report is attached to these minutes.

d. **Chief Operator report:**

a) George, N7GME reports on the previous years technical work.

- a. 2010 we purposely reduced the number of trips to the hill to cut costs. We have had problems with the APRS station and APRS weather.
- b. Use of call signs is a requirement. Some hints to be a better operator and show courtesy to others.
 - i. When you access the auto-patch, weather, etc. make sure you tell the rest of us what you are doing.
 - ii. Kerchunking of the repeater is illegal. Please identify.
- c. Using the slides brief the membership on the following:
 - i. Antennae location (3 slides) of the Sinclair 9db antennae installation.
 - ii. Diesel generator emergency power.
 - iii. Cabinets and support equipment.
 - iv. Swapping out controller because the current one has
 1. Ghosts in the programming due to 4 different programmers using it. We now have only 1 using a MATRIX.
 2. Loss of port 3 due to suspect lightning hit.
 3. DVR "control chip" not working
 - v. Graphic layout of complete repeater system.
 - vi. Fingerprinting capabilities (9) slides. Some questions were asked about the fingerprinting process. One attendee asked about the antennae system db gain. Some volunteers stated it was 6db but it is actually 9db.
 - vii. Types of LINK SYSTEM CONTROLLERS.
 - viii. "Repeater System Status" on website.

3. **OLD BUSINESS.** None.

4. **NEW BUSINESS.** None.

5. **ELECTION of OFFICERS for 2011** - President, will read off slate of officers.

a. Eric, AC7K for President, Ed, K7EAA for Vice President, Bill, N7YT for Treasurer and Bill, KE7JRT for Secretary will run as one slate.

a) The president asked for nominees from the floor. There were no volunteers.

b. President read off of ops committee volunteers. George, N7GME give some additional comments on the type of volunteers we need for Ops Committee.



- a) George, N7GME, Bill, N7YT, Eric, AC7K and Ed, K7EAA are current ops committee members and agree to run. Nelson, W7LUD and Joe, K7MMX volunteered to be members of the operations committee. All were elected.
 - c. A meeting of the Ops Committee was immediately held with Eric, AC7K nominating George, N7GME to be the Chief Op. All agreed and the Ops Committee meeting was quickly adjourned.
 - d. The president called for volunteers from the floor for the Audit Board. No volunteers.
 - a) Raffle and door prize drawings. Richard, KD7RAT won the raffle prize but declined so another drawing was made and Eric, AC7K won.
 - b) William, KD5ILJ, won the door prize.
6. The president requested a motion and a second to adjourn the meeting. So done and the president adjourned meeting at 1PM.