



WWRA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
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Saturday, January 31, 2004

1. PRESIDENT. Brought the meeting to order promptly at 12:34pm.
2. ATTENDANCE: This is best attended meeting since 1995 general meeting held at Annie's Kitchen.
 - a. 44 total attendees
 - b. 43 of which were paid up members
 - c. One member left early, one past member arrived after the presentation.
3. INTRODUCTION
 - a. Bob, KC7DRQ introduced current officers
 1. Vice President, Drake, KD7GAR
 2. Secretary, Mel, NA7VY
 3. Treasurer, Bill, N7YT
 4. Chief Operator, George, N7GME
 5. Ops Member, Joe, W7COM
 - b. Bob announced that the raffle for the Dual Band HT would be held at the end of the meeting. This was done to keep people from leaving early so as to listen to the presentation by guest speaker.
 - c. Bob pointed out that Terry; N7YZX is confirming members are getting tickets. Rules for door prize were strictly enforced.
 1. YOU MUST BE PRESENT AT TIME OF DRAWING TO WIN
 2. YOU MUST BE A WWRA MEMBER
 - d. Bob reminded everyone to fill out sign-in sheet around and get it back to the Treasurer.
 - e. Bob had each Member give name, call sign and where from.
 - f. Bob announced that refreshments are available and what is not eaten will be wasted.
 - g. Bob acknowledged the following:
 1. Thanks to Curt, W7CLL for promoting memberships.
 2. Thank to Russ, KI7PG for signing up for 5 years until 2008.
 3. Thank to Drake, KD7GAR for manning the Sunday Night Net.
4. Officer Reports:
 - a. Presidents report;
 - i. Bob reported that he had completed inventory of all WWRA property with inventory on website in 2003.
 - ii. Bob said he was constantly sending out letters to users getting about a 10 to 15% return.
 - iii. Purchased a Radio Shack HT for general membership door prize.
 - iv. Local amateur RACES group is now utilizing 62 repeater for its Sunday night net. .
 - b. Secretary report,
 1. PRESIDENT: The 2003 general meeting minutes are 6 pages long so Bob put it to a show of hands whether the secretary should read the entire document or just the highlights. Unanimously voted that Mel read only the highlights.
 2. Secretary read minutes of last GENERAL MEETING. Seconded and pass as read or amendments.

- c. Treasurers report,
 - 1. FINANCIAL REPORT. Bill went over the year's expenditures and asked if there are any questions.
 - a. Some discussion on membership followed.
 - b. Treasurers report was seconded and all passed as read.
 - c. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.
 - d. Chief Operator report,
 - 1. George gave a rundown on the RLC 2 controller replacement, which is the RLC Club. It has more capabilities.
 - a. Ron, K0BQ volunteered to donate a controller if the need arose in the future.
 - b. George went over the reason why we had the alternate VHF repeater online and described future plans for upgrades, which will allow less frequent trips to the hill for maintenance.
 - 2. On subject of ops committee workers George mentioned that Bill, N7YT, Joe, W7COM had a planned overhaul program of the cabinet wiring to ensure proper grounding.
 - a. The team has managed to fix the antenna coaxes that have plagued the repeaters for years.
 - b. George also pointed out that we don't want volunteers on the operations committee who do not want to get involved. We wasted too much time in the past chasing after volunteers who disappeared after the meeting.
5. OLD BUSINESS. None.
6. NEW BUSINESS.
- a. An idea was brought up to sell life memberships. Discussion ensued and the president asked for a show of hands on who would be interested. Bob said that the board of directors would discuss it at the next meeting.
 - 1. Additionally, the idea of selling memberships for three to four years was discussed.
 - 2. The treasurer pointed out this can be done but from a financial management point of view;
 - 1. There is additional bookkeeping
 - 2. It also makes it difficult for next treasurer as Bill learned.
 - b. A request was made to notify members of new additions to the website since the membership who have already read the website could go directly to the new information. This will also be discussed at the next board meeting.
 - c. A request was made to look through the old database and find William Nye who was a past member. It was thought that this gentlemen would rejoin the repeater if contacted.
 - d. The use of mailboxes on the repeater was brought up. The ops committee due to workload dropped this but with the procurement of the new RLC Club controller the ops committee could re-visit this concept. Depends on how much interest by the membership is shown in this feature.
7. ELECTION of OFFICERS for 2004.
- a. The Vice President, Drake, KD7GAR read off slate of officers.

1. Bob, KC7DRQ for President
 2. Drake, KD7GAR for VP
 3. Bill, N7YT for Treasurer
 4. George, N7GME for Secretary
- b. Ron, K0BQ challenged the VP asking if he had solicited others to run for office. Drake responded that we had asked others over the last year including soliciting for help over the Sunday night net. Drake even pointed out that he asked for a volunteer to help him run the net on Sunday nights and did not get a response.
1. The president Bob then asked for VOLUNTEERS for the Board, Ops Committee and Audit Board from the floor.
 2. No volunteers including Ron came forward.
 3. Bob asked for nominees.
 4. No nominees.
- c. The Chief Operator, George, N7GME then read off slate of ops committee members as follows:
1. George, N7GME
 2. Bill, N7YT
 3. Joe, W7COM
 4. George then asked for volunteers for the ops committee. No one came forward.
- d. Bob then got a motion, a second and a show of hands to vote in the volunteers for each office. The slate of officers was voted in by overwhelming margin.
8. The president introduced the guest speaker at 2:00pm.
- a. Introduce Mario, KD6ILO-give a brief background on his relationship to the subject matter he will be presenting to the membership.
 1. Originally from Hawaii, born and raised in Hilo on the Big Island of Hawaii.
 2. Graduate of the University of Hawaii in 1979 with a Science Degree in Machine Technology and minor in Aviation Science.
 3. 20 year veteran of the U.S.Army Signal Corps and retired in February of 2002.
 4. Currently employed with the Washington State Department of Transportation as a Traffic Management Operations Specialist (Communications).
 - a. Involved with Amateur Radio, MARS and ARES/RACES EMCOMM since 1992.
 - b. Station manager and ARES NDMS coordinator for Madigan Army Medical Center
 - c. Washington state RACES staff at Washington State Emergency Operations Center/EMD at Camp Murray.
 - d. Team RO/Manager for the Puget Sound Amateur Radio EMCOMM Team - Mobile ECRT.
 - b. Mario then made his EMERGENCY SERVICES presentation. It was very impressive filled with many details.
9. The president called for the door prize raffle at 14:56 for MEMBERS ONLY PRESENT at the time of drawing. Terry, N7YZX won the Radio Shack Dual Band HT.
10. The president adjourned the meeting at 2:58pm:

Recorder/Secretary _____ President _____