WWARA General Members Meeting
April 5, 2013 – Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES:

Peter Dahl, WA7FUS	Kenny Richards, KU7M	Allen Hulse, KE7IQQ
Dick Bohannon, W7CTR	Mike Chaplin, NC7Q	Stan Nelson, K7DKK
Lorraine Nelson, K7LJN	David Gutierrez, WA6PAX	Roger Hansen, W6TOZ
Doyle Wenzel, N7UJK	Mike Ping, N3KPU	Neil Addis, W7FED
Frank Wolfe, NM7R		

ABSENCES

Scott Honaker, N7SS (excused)

In accordance with Article IX, Section 3a of the bylaws, a quorum was present.

The meeting was called to order at 09:59am at the Fire Station 45, SeaTec, WA by Chair Frank Wolfe, NM7R.

Introductions were made.

The minutes of the December 2013 general meeting were approved (MSP) as posted on the website. (W6TOZ moved to accept, KE7IQQ seconded)

OFFICER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Report
- $80 in dues since last meeting
- $10 in coordination fees (collected prior to fee change)
- -$18.97 spent for refreshments
- -$80.00 spent for SSL cert renewal
- -$10.00 spent to renew WA State corporate license
- Positive cash flow of $8.97 for last quarter

Secretary's Report
- TDS caught up
- Certs caught up
- SSL cert renewal completed
- Followed up with ARRL on repeater info funds, but no response yet.

Adjacent Areas:

IACC

BCARCC
- NM7R followed up to identify any issues with requiring access control on any coordinated repeater. No issues.
- Discussed BC repeater on 146.98 being quite loud around Seattle area for last four months. No interference complaints received.

ORRC
- NM7R received a note from ORRC chair on a Woodland repeater. Asked if WWARA had any issues with it. (Bumps up on boundary between groups)

- After review of details, discovered actually in the WWARA scope and asked to submit to WWARA for coordination. Still waiting for application.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

<u>6/10 Meters – Frank Wolf, NM7R</u>
- No business, no active coordination's

<u>2 Meters – Mike Ping, N3KPU</u>
- Recommend cancel four K7SLB. Agreed no progress on applications for 12+ months. Cancelling pending Mike notifying K7SLB via e-mail.
- Cancel TR#3158 immediately. No follow up or contact in 24 months
- Waiting on TDS for 147.02/W7TED in Tacoma
- Recommended KD7CLD flip input/output when repeater put back on air following repairs.

<u>220 Band – Peter Dahl, WA7FUS</u>
- No business, no active coordination's

<u>440 Repeaters and 430 Links – 430/440 Band Committee</u>
- Currently 19 pending/proposed coordination's for repeaters/links
- Four are currently in testing, four ready for vote, four pending, six proposed
- Requested feedback on WT0F situation. Will seek further details on reported interference.

<u>900/1.2Ghz – Scott Honaker, N7SS</u>
- One ATV 1200/440 repeater in testing phase now.

<u>Database Enhancement Committee – Kenny Richards, KU7M</u>
- Website now running on secondary site at 3rd party hosting. In process of fixing bugs due to migration to PHP 5.3.
- Plan in next month to flip website to secondary host, then re-install and update the existing machine Tim's datacenter and flip back.

Old Business:
- Review proposed "Path To WWARA Coordination" document and new 'Checklist' document
  - NC7Q moved to accept, KE7IQQ seconded. Motion approved
- Review Updated WWARA Policy Document
  - Update to Section 6:
    f. The applicant is required to work with WWARA in a good-faith manner. Any evidence of withholding pertinent information, deception or untruth shall be grounds for dismissal of the application.
  - Update to Section 6:
    g. Any application determined to be incomplete, impractical from an engineering perspective or not in keeping with Part 97.101(a) ["...in accordance with good engineering and good amateur practice."], may be dismissed.
- W6TOZ reported on expired coordination effort and asked about a SNP 'registration' which he hasn't had any response on 'renewal'. After a lengthy discussion, agreed that SNP 'registrations' would remain in the database and rather than 'renew' them, they will be validated as still on the air. This can be done either by manually bring the repeater up or contacting the trustee of record. If no update or machine is off the air, the registration will be deleted from the database.

New Business:
- NC7Q requested a formal membership list be prepared and published on website. Also recommended that a 'new member' information packet be put together explaining the

resources and process for WWARA. WA7FUS also suggested we build a repeater owner/membership mailing list with Mail-Chimp to help communicate out status. NC7Q will work on the new member packet; WA7FUS will build the mail list when KU7M provides a dump of current members.

- Proposal for publishing repeater latitude and longitude wasn't available, since N7SS was absent. Instead the proposal outline was given by KU7M and discussion amongst those present. Four key take aways:
  - o The current opinion of the existing repeater owners is not known. Many references to 'long ago' objections due to security, but nobody had specifics.
  - o Everybody believed that identifying the location of a repeater could be done without little effort. Publishing the coordinates doesn't make the sites any more secure.
  - o There are new systems starting to be shipped that are greatly enhanced by having repeater coordinates available, the ARRL repeater software and Icom's new D-Star radios being two examples.
  - o Decided that until we poll the existing repeater owners on their opinion, we don't have enough data to move forward. WA7FUS / KU7M will work on putting forward a poll seeking input once the Mail Chimp mail-alias is available. (this is one of the services offered by Mail Chimp)
- Discussed original proposal for 2nd quarter meeting location. A quick survey showed only two board members would be able to attend. Motion made to chose a different weekend and hold the meeting in the Seattle area instead. All agreed.
  - o Meeting date picked of May 31st at Sea-Tac Fire Station 45
  - o KU7M will follow up with W7CTR about reserving the space.

Next Meeting: Saturday May 31, 2014 / Sea-Tac, WA / 10am

Adjourn Meeting: (11:48am)