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Annual Meeting Minutes of 23 Feb 02

The Annual Meeting for the WWRA Repeater Association was called to order by Interim President Alf Anderson/W7ALF at 12:30 PM at the Kitsap Public Library on Sylvan Way in East Bremerton.

Introductions were made by the attendees. Ten members were present plus our guest speaker, Clint Hurd/KK7UA.

Our President Monte Simpson/W7MLS resigned last fall after he was called back into active service in the Coast Guard after the 9/11/01 attack. Our Vice-President Alf Anderson/W7ALF assumed the powers of President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Last years minutes were not available for reading.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Norm Norman/N7SI gave the Treasurer's report which covers from 10/28/00 through 2/23/02. The WWRA Repeater Association is solvent. We had in income of \$4,205.01, Expenses of \$6,361.36 for a Balance of \$1,609.65 in our Checking Account. We presently have 107 paid member families. Remember our dues include all Hams residing in the same family household.

2002 Membership Dues became due on January 1. **If you have not paid them yet, please mail your check for \$20 to WWRA, PO Box 1001, Silverdale, WA 98383.**

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT: Neither member from the last Audit Committee was present at this meeting. It is assumed that an audit was not performed. It was decided that the current audit is to take place as soon as possible especially since a new Treasurer was elected at this meeting. This audit is to cover both the treasury books and a physical equipment audit.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT: The Ops Committee was reduced to two active members Bill/N7YT and George/N7GME. Phil/KC7SVI resigned a short time ago. Phil still has three sets of keys to the repeater site that he will turn over as soon as he locates them.

The above three members performed lots of work during the last 18 months which include: Installation of a Desiccant Pump to keep the Coax pressurized; installation of a new Link RLC-2 Controller (Software Version 4.30) which is presently only connected to the UHF side; and installation of a new Modem for remotely programming the controller. There is a steep ongoing learning curve on the programming of this new controller, which is very time consuming. This controller will also be able to control the VHF side after all the programming is completed.

We presently have a problem with the High Antenna at the 220 ft level of the CH-13 TV Tower. The tower climber has attempted to repair the intermittent problem several times but the problem keeps coming back. It is believed that the problem is caused by a defective connector at the antenna end of the coax. Replacement connectors are no longer available for this type of coax and an attempt to rebuild this connector will be made in the near future. If not successful, the coax will have to be replaced. Both repeaters are presently running at reduced capacity on the lower antenna which is on the roof of the generator building.

The autopatch is again fully operational on both the VHF (146.62/103.5) and UHF (442.62/103.5) repeaters. The UHF repeater responds to APRS Mic-E digital squelch tails.

OLD BUSINESS: None was brought up.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A discussion was held on how to increase the membership. Bob Williams/KC7DRQ who has a Computer Talk Show on KITZ radio (1400 on your AM Dial) on Saturdays from 10 AM till Noon, offered to give Ham Radio and our repeater some free plugs on his show. The new board will address this issue. **Our new web site at www.wv7ra.org** has generated at least five new members who printed their application from this web site. Thanks George/N7GME for creating and maintaining this web site.

2. A discussion was held on offering the Bears Repeater Group (145.33) the use of our 164.62 repeater for their 5:45 AM and 4:45 PM Weather Nets until their repeater is repaired and becomes operational again. A motion was made and passed. Alf/W7ALF will contact them to make the offer. [They accepted and the weather nets began on 2/26]. These nets only last about 15 minutes each, so please yield the frequency to them during these nets. You are also encouraged to participate by reporting the weather conditions at your location.

3. George/N7GME pointed out that we do NOT have to have five members on the operations committee. That was written into the constitution because originally there were five active members who worked on the repeater. Therefore we should not try to fill the slots with reluctant candidates and ultimately end up with non-participating members throughout the year. This only frustrates and hampers the progress and dedication of the individuals actually working on the repeater. The same goes for the officers on the administrative side who volunteer and then fade. We can have 20 people on the operations committee but they have to remain proactive and take on projects with the idea of completing them.

ELECTIONS: The following individuals were nominated, accepted the nominations and were unanimously elected:

PRESIDENT	Bob Williams	KC7DRQ	bwilliam@tsnet.com
Vice President	Alf Anderson	W7ALF	alfander@msn.com
Secretary	Herb Gerhardt	KB7UVC	gerhardt@hctc.com
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	George Carr	N7GME	trident@telebyte.com
Audit Committee	Bill Hurd	N7YT	
	Bob Williams	KC7DRQ	

A special thanks is given to Warren Norman/N7SI for his many years of being Treasurer of our organization.

GUEST SPEAKER: Clint Hurd/KK7UA, our guest speaker gave a very informative presentation on "Sound Card Interfacing" (PSK-31 interface). For those of you who missed this presentation you can get lots of information on Clint's web site at:

www.waypoint.com/users/~discobay/

Clint also has his entire Sound Card Interface Manual, on-line, at this web site.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Herb Gerhardt/KB7UVC
WWRA Secretary
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