



Western Washington Repeater Association

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041019 On October 19, 2004 the president, Bob, KC7DRQ sent to the BoD.

From: WWRA [<mailto:wwra@telebyte.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2004 1:48 PM
To: KD7GAR, Drake Evans; N7GME; N7YT, Bill Hurd; W7COM, Joe Hamelin
Subject: Electronic Board Meeting

Gentlemen, I have been following USERS of our repeater system since our last general meeting in January. Along the way I have encounter some problems so I need your support. I have formulated a policy I think we should all agree on I need your input or if you agree or disagree I need a VOTE on this attached policy. I plan on bringing up some issues at the next general meeting so we need to iron out any differences we have now. Thanks for your quick replies and don't forget to reply to all.

Bob, President WWRA

041019 *Drake (KD7GAR, VP) votes: Yes, with questions, see below. On first reading this sounds like a very good and workable policy. On second reading, if this becomes policy as written, will it eliminate any and all other methods of recruitment? Will we still be allowed to recruit at ham fests? Will we still be able to recruit from emergency workers who "occasionally" use our repeaters? Maybe we should have a sentence that our primary method of recruitment will be by this policy when accepted by the general membership at our next meeting, and any memberships that come from ham fest participation and use by other (non member groups) will still be allowed, even though recruitment from ham and other activities is generally infrequent. What do you (all board members) think?*

Drake, KD7GAR

041019 *I also agree. There is nothing in the point paper that precludes recruiting at the North Kitsap Ham Fest or sending invitations to traffic handlers or any others who use the repeater. The fact is if nobody paid for the repeater it would soon cease to exist. It costs a good deal of money to keep up and we need to do whatever is possible to keep the paid membership as high as we can get it. Each of us should do everything we can to discourage non-members from camping out on the repeater. Visitors to the area and infrequent users who occasionally meet a friend on the repeater should be welcome. Daily users who choose not to join should not be welcome. And they should be identified to the membership in some way.*

Bill N7YT

041019 *Bob and all, I agree. This has been an age-old problem with the 62 repeater. Our approach is the best one.*
George, N7GME

041019 *I agree with Bob on this. – Joe, W7COM*

041019 All, Good points from Bill and Drake. I will include in our recruitment mission statement that recruiting at ham fests and via other means other than over the radio is included with mailings. My goal was not to get into intimidating users on the air. I plan on raising the issue of abusers who camp out on our repeaters and flatly refuse to support it with the general membership at the next meeting. I had an incident this last summer where a gentleman called me up and told me he was not joining but would continue to use the VHF repeater. He has subsequently lowered his use significantly however. Thanks for the quick replies.

Bob

040409 Issue passed with changes as described by KD7GAR; 5 votes YES.

040409 Bob, KC7DRQ adjourned the meeting at 19:24 October 20, 2004

Approved by Bob Williams, KC7DRQ President WWRA

Date: October 20, 2004

Robert Williams

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