



Western Washington Repeater Association
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WWRA Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, December 22, 2006

1. Vice president Drake, KD7GAR brought the meeting to order at 4:02pm.
 - a. As a first order of business the board of directors unanimously voted as follows:
 1. Vice President Drake, KD7GAR to fill the president vacancy.
 2. Ops member Eric, KE7EDW to fill the vice president vacancy.
 - b. All officers volunteered to run together as one slate at the 2007 general meeting.
 1. The VP normally is charged with finding a new slate of officers and over the years this seems to have been a real chore with no members coming forward, therefore it is proposed that the VP take any complete or incomplete slate nominations from the floor. All agreed.
 2. During election at general meeting we will maintain the usual routine of accepting volunteers from the floor for the audit board and ops committee. All agreed.
 - c. Drake, KD7GAR announced that he would be out of town at the January 2007 general meeting so Eric, KE7EDW would run the meeting with Terry, N7YZX and George, N7GME assistance.
 - d. George, N7GME was elected and became the new trustee effective in 2006.
 - e. Disposing of some ham equipment that belonged to Bob, KC7DRQ will highlight this meeting. His widow has graciously donated the equipment and any financial gain to the WWRA. She requests only a receipt and estimated value for her tax purposes.
 1. An inventory of equipment was made up with a cover letter that was signed by the president and mailed to Mrs. Williams.
 2. It was decided the disposition of equipment will be as follows:
 1. THX-140 VHF mini handheld will be the DOOR prize.
 2. Kenwood TH-D7 (G) handheld to be RAFFLED at \$2 per ticket and 3 tickets for \$5. The raffled item should be drawn last followed by any left over silent auction items until all disposed of.
 3. The rest of the inventory will be sold at SILENT AUCTION.
 - a. Silent auction starts as soon as the doors open at 11:30am.
 - i. Silent auction continues through meeting.
 - ii. President gives 5 minute warning prior to picking up auction sheets.
 - iii. Auction sheets given to treasurer.
 - iv. VP, Secretary and Chief Op assist treasurer in collecting monies and presenting equipment to purchasers.
 - b. No minimum bid.
 - c. Items that are not purchased can go in the raffle.
 - f. All agreed that 3 door prize tickets for paid on time members and 1 door prize ticket for paid later be establish as routine for future DOOR prize drawings. This is done to encourage people paying on time to reduce administrative workload.

- g. Coffee for the January 2007 General Membership Meeting will be provided by Curt, W7CLL.
 - 1. A note on the meeting card stating that no other refreshments will be available at the meeting.
- 2. SECRETARY:
 - a. Terry, N7YZX read minutes of October 7, 2005 board meeting and they were approved by all as read.
 - b. Terry reported we had 144 supporting members for 2006. This has more than doubled since we took over in 2001 when we inherited the administration with a total membership of 62. With board approval;
 - 1. I plan on briefing without identifying the USER'S call sign by use of charts how one individual has elected himself a lifetime member by;
 - a. Using the 62 regularly whenever he feels like it.
 - b. He claims many things including that he has contributed to the repeater [no records exist and no one remembers him]
 - c. It is interesting to note that he has logged over 30 QSO's and 300+ minutes just in 2006 that we heard. There may have been more than that.
 - 2. I will be displaying a chart that gives some tips to the new hams on polite repeater use.
 - 3. I plan on encouraging all members to assist in recruitment. If you send me their callsign I will follow-up with mailing information.
 - 4. I will mail out the general meeting announcement via postcard around the first to second week in January.
 - c. All board members agreed that the doors would open at 11:30am with meeting commencing at promptly at 12:30pm.
 - d. All agreed that depending on how many show up I recommend we move the 2008 general meeting back to the Kitsap Regional Library on Sylvan Way where the rent is free
- 3. TREASURER REPORT.
 - a. Briefly discuss the following:
 - 1. REIMBURSEMENTS.
 - a. Chief Op and Treasurer [George and I] were reimbursed about \$3K this past year.
 - b. An additional \$2K was spent in maintenance and upkeep of the repeater. Our telephone bill is now around \$600 annually. The board decided to maintain two lines as being able to remotely program equipment on the hill makes this expense cost effective.
 - c. We saved about \$200 this past year by not mailing out a newsletter. We might want to consider abandoning this effort since it still takes about 72 hours in man-hours to develop a comprehensive newsletter over a period of 6 months. With the availability of repeater information on the web and bulletins the newsletter may have become an unnecessary expense. It would appear also that no one seems to read it. We should ask this question at the general meeting. All agreed.

2. There was no audit for 2006. The constitution is written so that the general membership is given an opportunity to take a close look at how the money is spent and if the general membership wants to avail themselves of this opportunity then its entirely up to them.
3. Audit in 2005 for the calendar year 2004 recommendations was to separate the equipment from the consumables and list them in different categories. Background: Bob, KC7DRQ work very hard 4 years to get back from various people and locations all the WWRA property and George, N7GME compiled a comprehensive inventory listing which is posted on the website for all to see. This list never existed before. The decision was taken that the inventory is complete and available makes any more detailing unnecessary.
4. Bill, N7YT, has run Echolink for the past 2-½ years and wants to get someone else to take it over or we will pick a date in the future and shut this particular repeater accessory down. To operate the WWRA Echolink System we need the following:
 - a. A sincere and diligent volunteer
 - b. Some WWRA equipment.
 - c. Volunteer equipment.
 - d. Good UHF path to repeater.
 - e. Broad Band connection.

4. CHIEF of OPERATIONS REPORT.

- a. George, N7GME gave a brief report on current status of repeater:
- b. George recommended that we raise the annual \$1000 limit for operations committee maintenance and repairs (M&R) to \$1500 to bring it more inline with what the WWRA really expends annually.
 1. This money would only be spent on M&R and if a new procurement were desired then a vote of the whole board would be required. An example of an M&R item would be the procurement of lightning protection, approximate cost \$90. All agreed.
- c. George, N7GME will give a presentation on the 2006 WWRA financial expenditures and accounting of volunteer man-hours to maintain the repeater system utilizing pie charts.
- d. A Canadian ham Neal, VE7SAR who is setting up a 146.620MHz repeater at Comox, Vancouver Island, made a courtesy call to George. The tone will be 141.3Hz. Neal said he tried to bring up our repeater from the location he will be installing the Comox repeater but could not. We don't believe there will be an interference issue. Neal volunteered to reduce power from 30 watts to 18 watts if there was any interference.

5. OLD BUSINESS. None.

6. NEW BUSINESS.

- a. Terry, N7YZX showed us a pin on nametag that he will produce for all of the board members to wear at our general meeting. All agreed this was a good idea and thanked Terry.

7. Meeting adjourned at 5:22pm.

President _____ Secretary _____

Signature

Signature

Date: _____ Date: _____