



Western Washington Repeater Association

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WWRA Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, November 15, 2013

1. **PRESIDENT Ed, K7EAA** brought the meeting to order at 1611.
 - a. **ELECTIONS:** The board of director members discussed and agreed to run as a slate at the January 2014 general meeting. Listed below are the volunteers for 2014.
 1. Ed, W7EAA president, Joe, W7MMX for VP, Nelson, W7LUD for treasurer, George, N7GME for operations and will be the assistant treasurer making deposits and Nelson doing all the disbursements. Bill, N7YT will remain on the ops committee and we can use his office for our board meetings as long as he is still working there.
 2. At the general meeting we will ask for nominations to fill any slots or a slate can be introduced to run.
 3. We will ask for volunteers from the floor for the audit board and operations committee.
2. **SECRETARY:**
 - a. **MEETING MINUTES:** Bill, KE7JRT read minutes of previous board meeting in November 2012 and they were approved as read.
3. **PRESIDENT.**
 - a. **GENERAL MEETING DUTIES:** All agreed on the general meeting duties.
 1. Ed, K7EAA and Joe, K7MMX will sell raffle tickets. Raffle ticket sales have been going down since 2008 so others should help out this effort.
 2. Nelson, W7LUD will collect dues from attendees and hand out one door prize ticket to payers who just paid their dues at the meeting.
 3. Bill, KE7JRT and George, N7GME will hand out the three tickets to people who have paid on time by January 1, 2014.
4. **SECRETARY:**
 - a. **RECRUITMENT:** As of November we have 135 supporting members for 2013. We picked up around 100 members on or before the general meeting and the rest via mail-ins after the meeting. Some members are slow to renew creating additional expense for the WWRA.
5. **TREASURER REPORT**
 - a. **2013 GENERAL MEETING LOCATION:** We have already reserved the 2013 general meeting to the Eagles Nest facility, Kitsap County Fairgrounds as we have been sponsored by the Kitsap County Department of Emergency Management.
 1. For 2015 we should pay for our own reservation after checking with DEM Michael Gordon as to his budget. Our main concern is getting the meeting place on the last Saturday in January. Last time it took several weeks for the reservation to be confirmed so that is an important point.
 - b. **MEETING SALES & PRIZES:**

1. The board discussed different radios to raffle and have as door prize. Discussion considered so smaller pieces of gear such as SWR meters. It was decided to let the chief operator check around and send all board members and email with his findings and conduct a vote at that time.
6. CHIEF of OPERATIONS REPORT.
 - a. REPEATER WORK:
 1. Operations committee briefed the board on Echolink implementation. After getting some technical issues between the ops committee and the end users resolved the only issue left with the Puget Sound Boaters Net has been the placing of untrained or not properly briefed individuals as net controllers. It does not seem to get better as time goes on. Each new net controller lacks confidence because they are not properly indoctrinated. An occasional mistake is understandable however every one of them has a different script contributing to mistakes and/or misinformation. Back when the boaters net was only using the VHF repeater there was no net control issue, however since the inclusion of the Echolink capability and providing the users with codes to cross-connect the repeaters it has been a concern.
 2. Weather station. The temperature gauge on APRS is not working but with the cooperation of the manufacturer it will be addressed on the next hill trip. The problem seems to be having two stations with a humidity detector using up one of the connections for temperature. Tech at manufacturer said he would help us over the telephone when we go up there next.
 3. The installation of another controller will be done when the weather gets better.
7. OLD BUSINESS. None.
8. NEW BUSINESS. None.
9. The president adjourned the meeting at 1734.