



WWRA 2009 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Held at the
Kitsap Regional Library, Poulsbo, WA at 12:30pm
Saturday, January 31, 2009

1. PRESIDENT Eric, AC7K brought the meeting to order promptly at 12:30pm with 46 attendees.
2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:
 - a. Eric acknowledged and thanked the following:
 - a) All Members who have donated money beyond their membership have been listed on the WWRA website as DONATORS and Eric welcomed the “boaters net” which meets every day on our VHF repeater. Eric pointed out that they are all becoming supporting members assisting us all in the financial support of the WWRA.
3. INTRODUCTION
 - a. WWRA OFFICERS: Introduced the current WWRA officers and held roll call of all members and guests in attendance.
4. ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a. DOOR PRIZE AND RAFFLE: YAESU FT-7800 Mobile dual band with extension kit and a YAESU HT. The door prize is another YAESU VHF HT.
 - b. Eric announced the next General Meeting will be on Saturday, January 30st, 2010 and the location will be posted on the web site.
 - c. Eric explained how the silent auction is going to work.
 - d. WWRA patches are available for those interested. See George, N7GME.
 - e. The WWRA website URL is <http://www.ww7ra.org> and our email address to ww7ra@q.com in the next 60 days. The old address will be good until March 30th. Eric explained to sign up for email with the WWRA please send an email to ww7ra@q.com with the word **SUBSCRIBE** in the subject line or text. Also requested everyone to fill out the sign in sheets.
 - f. Eric explained that this past year two commercial contactors were conducting their daily business on the repeater. We sent them a letter and they stopped. The WWRA is located on a commercial site and cannot afford our amateur radio repeater to be used for commercial business since we are guests at the site.
 - g. Eric explained that during the year someone was making an announcement over the VHF repeater without use of call sign or addressing the transmission to another station. This constitutes an illegal transmission. We sent letter to suspected station but received no reply. Transmissions ceased.
 - h. Eric explained that there are several groups who use the VHF repeater for their nets. This past 18 months we ran into some negative feedback when we gave a green light to a group for their club net who felt we were “harassing” them by sending them support requests by mail. We even had one user complain that a board member made a negative statement that turned out to be untrue. To avoid this potential animosity with future groups we will have established one policy that fits all, and that is all who use the repeater on a regular basis will be asked to become a supporting member. It is only fair to all of us who contribute. The one exception to this policy is ‘community supporting type nets’ that come around about once a year such as public safety of bicycle runs and that sort of community event.
5. **REPORTS:** Officer Reports:
 - a. Bill, KE7JRT Secretary read the minutes of the 2008 GENERAL MEETING and the minutes were approved as read.



- b. Bill, N7YT read financial report and ask if there are any questions. Report approved as read. Bill stated renewing members need only to send in a check and not fill out a membership application if nothing has changed and he also requested all to write your CALL SIGN on your check. It requires a lot of work to figure out who you are. Bill stated that we have many members who donate extra money to the repeater and tell us at the time of submitting their check. When you send in money and it is over the \$20 dues level please let us know what you want us to do with it otherwise we will designate the overage as a DONATION. Bill also encouraged volunteers to be on the audit board.
 - c. George, N7GME reports briefed the membership on Mothers Day loss of VHF repeater. It finally took shipping it back to the manufacturer whose first assessment was that there was nothing wrong with it but finally replaced many diodes in the final of the transmitter after bench testing for about two weeks.
 - d. George reminded everyone that use of call signs is a requirement.
 - e. NO audit report.
6. There was no old business or new business..
7. President Eric, AC7K read off slate of officers and asked twice if there were any nominees from the floor.
- a. BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINEES:
 - a) Eric, AC7K for President
 - b) Ed, W7EAA for VP
 - c) Bill, KE7JRT for Secretary
 - d) Bill, N7YT for Treasurer
 - e) No NOMINEES FROM FLOOR:
 - b. President Eric, AC7K read off of ops committee volunteers.
 - a) George, N7GME
 - b) Bill, N7YT
 - c) Eric, AC7K
 - d) Ed, W7EAA
 - c. President Eric, AC7K requested volunteers from the floor for this important function. No one volunteered.
 - d. President Eric, AC7K conducted voting by show of hands with all nominees being elected by all members in attendance.
 - e. Meeting of all Operation Committee members was held electing George, N7GME as chief operator for 2009. .
 - f. RAFFLE drawing winners were Jim, WA7JIM who won the YAESU FT-7800 dual band mobile and Eric, AC7K won the YAESU VHF HT. Winner of the door prize was Ed, AF7H who also won a YAESU VHF HT. Walt, AA7TL won the UHF antenna.
8. President adjourned. meeting at 1:45pm