



WWRA 2016 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Held at the
Eagles Nest Room, 1195 Fairgrounds Road - Silverdale, WA at 12:00pm
Saturday, January 30th, 2016

MEETING TO ORDER: PRESIDENT. Brought meeting to order promptly at 12:00pm.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

- a. Acknowledged all Members who have become supporting members and also donated money beyond their membership are listed on the presentation screen and are on the website ROSTER.

2. INTRODUCTION

- a. Introduced board of directors and members.
President, Ed, K7EAA, Vice President, Joe, K7MMX, Secretary, Bill, KE7JRT, Treasurer, George, N7GME and Chief Operator, Bill, N7YT followed by roll call of all 40 members present.
 - b. Ed gave an explanation of the raffle and door prizes and FREE table where anyone can bring in anything associated with ham radio to give away. Items such as:
 - a) CQ or QST magazine that someone can get some use out of.
 - b) Working equipment you no longer want would be okay. Please no junk.
 - c) If you want to donate something to the repeater for the silent auction that is okay but we don't take anything on consignment. Only total gift to repeater which any profits would go to WWRA treasury.
 - c. Our next General Meeting on January 28th, 2017, at the EAGLES NEST at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds.
 - d. The WWRA encourages community support in the use of our repeater system. This is for "*public support*" type nets such as safety for bicycle races, Search and Rescue, traffic passing, etc.
 - h. For the collectors we have WWRA souvenir patches here on sale for \$5. See Bill, KE7JRT. We have other souvenirs available on the website at the WWRA Store.
3. The WWRA website is having some "host provider" problems but is still accessible by typing temporarily into the URL the following address www.ww7ra.org/ww7ra.org.

a. Secretary minutes and reports:

- a) Bill, KE7JRT, Secretary [George, N7GME] read minutes of the 2015 GENERAL MEETING and were approved as read.
 - a. We no longer provide a space on the sign in sheet or the applications for email addresses. In the past too many emails have been returned due to missing characters in the writing and bad handwriting. Please send an email to ww7ra@q.com and type **SUBSCRIBE** in the subject line or text and important, make sure you include your call sign in the email.
- b. **Administrative report.**
 - a. **MEMBERSHIP:** Membership of the WWRA was 107 in 2015. We lose around 30 supporting members per year.
 - b. **NEW ADDRESS:** Please indicate by writing NEW ADDRESS on your check or use the form located on the website and check the box indicating a new address. This form can also be used to alert us of any other changes such as adding new licensee family member or change of phone number.
 - c. **FAMILY MEMBERS:** When you add family member on your application please be sure to include call sign and please include their first name.
 - d. **SPEED DIALS:** When you renew on time and you already have a SPEED DIAL then it remains in force.
 - i. If you renew late then you must indicate on your application you want a speed dial or send an email to ww7ra@q.com.
 - ii. We no longer provide direct access to 911 due to liability.



- e. **NEW VANITY CALL SIGNS:** Please let us know when you get a new call sign.
 - b. **Treasurers report:**
 - a) **FINANCIAL REPORT.** George, N7GME, read financial report.
 - a. George briefed the \$3850 expenditures for 2015 that included the installation of the new VHF antenna.
 - b. When Bill and I first took over the operations committee the telephone bill was \$49 per month. It is now over \$90 costing almost \$1000 annually.
 - a. Telephone bills have gone very high. WWRA pays almost \$1000 annually. Discussion followed that eliminating the auto-patch and/or the controller link could save money this \$500 to \$1000 annually. When the WWRA phone bill used to be around \$49 per month it was reasonable. A user dialing 911 and then hanging up causing us to limit this longtime available capability abused the phone patch.
 - b. We average a little over \$2000 per year income but costs to repair and replace with only half that amount that is left over after paying the phone bill is tentative.
 - c. Open for further discussion.
 - c. **Auditor's report:**
 - a) Doug, K7CUU gave a favorable audit report. John, KA7JUR who was the other auditor inspected our repeater and books. A copy of the report has been placed on the WWRA website.
 - d. **Chief Operator report:**
 - a) Bill, N7YT reported on the previous years technical work. Trouble shooting the entire VHF system to remove "random" static problem. Installation and configuration of new VHF antenna.
4. **OLD BUSINESS.** None.
5. **NEW BUSINESS.** None.
6. **ELECTION of OFFICERS for 2015** - President, will read off slate of officers.
- a. **BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINEES:**
 - a) Ed, K7EAA for President, Joe, K7MMX for Vice President, George, N7GME for Treasurer and Bill, KE7JRT for Secretary will run as one slate.
 - a. **NOMINEES FROM FLOOR:** None.
 - b) **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE NOMINEES:** President asks for ops committee volunteers. None.
7. **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** Bill, N7YT, Joe, K7MMX, George N7GME and Ed, K7EAA are current ops committee members and have volunteered to continue in 2016.
- a. **NEWLY ELECTED OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Bill, N7YT chief op held QUICK meeting during the general meeting to elect Bill, N7YT as new chief operator.
 - b. **AUDIT BOARD:** Ask for volunteers from the floor for the Audit Board. None.
8. **DRAWINGS:** Doug Hudson, K7CUU won one of the Yaesu's with his Door Prize ticket, Bill Rogerson, KE7JRT was a happy camper with his Icom Dual-Bander Raffle Prize and Richard Roosien, AC7YQ picked up the second Yaesu as alternate Raffle Prize.
9. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned by Ed, K7EAA at 1:05pm.