

# Meeting Minutes

## WASHINGTON AMATEUR RADIO TRAFFIC SYSTEM NET

2016 Annual Board of Director's Meeting – 7/17/2016 Valley Camp Retreat, North Bend WA

### Call To Order

- Introductions:

In attendance: W7DUH (SW Director & COB); Randy AJ7B (Secretary); Ken K7YR (Treasurer and Net Manager); Rick W7RNB (Assistant Net Manager)

- Election results – Real easy this time as all new director positions were unopposed and no voting was required. The result is John (W7BO) in Woodland WA was re-elected as the SW Regional Director. Chuck (K7VRE) in Spokane WA was elected as the NE Regional Director. Their two-year terms started July 1, 2016.
- Secretary's report – Check-in numbers are declining. However, Ken (K7YR) thinks he is seeing improvement in the last month.
- Treasurer's Report – Ken K7YR reports there is \$1500 in the bank between checking and savings. Ken has got some donations in the mail and expects pretty good donations at the picnic event. Ken needs receipts for expenses. The cost is usually around \$14 to \$16 per person. Ken has had difficulty in coordinating the transfer of treasurer responsibility to W7HNN with the bank.
- NET Manager's Report – Ken K7YR reports struggling to find net controls. Really good to have the relays that we do have. Ken and Rick (W7RNB) have been looking hard to get more operators to be net control operators.
- Old Business
  - Board Chair Position – Steve (WA7DUH) will continue as Chairman of the Board.
  - Staffing – Ken (K7YR) will continue as Treasurer. It was agreed by the members present that Rick (W7RNB) will be the NET Manager starting immediately and Ken will be the assistant NET Manager. Bill (W7ARC) will continue as WEB Manager. Randy (AJ7B) will continue as Secretary.
- New Business
  - Annual picnic – It was agreed that the 2017 WARTS Net Picnic will be held at Valley Camp. Ken (K7YR) will make the reservations for 2017.
- Comment or Issues from Membership:

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- Don Calbick W7GB suggests that we do not wait too long to shift the net back to 17:30 UTC this fall.
- Around the Table
  - Randy (AJ7B) brought up that he is receiving requests to be added to the roster via email and snail mail. As WARTS purpose is to handle messages to worldwide locations via Amateur Radio service, shouldn't we only accept the requests via Amateur Radio? The text in net preamble regarding request to become a WARTS member says, "...send a radiogram to the Net Secretary". Board members discussed this point and agreed that only requests received via radio should be accepted. Any exceptions to this rule will be at Randy's discretion. Randy will create a boilerplate response for those who use non-radio methods for their request. We don't want to scare anybody away from being a member, but at the same time support the purpose of WARTS and train the person on traffic handling.
  - Randy (AJ7B) also brought up that if we are requiring potential new members to send radiograms via Amateur Radio, shouldn't net control operators use the same channel for net reports. There are a number of net control operators who send their reports via email. The board members agreed. Rick (W7RNB) will contact all net control operators and let them know that they must send in their net reports via amateur radio. Randy (AJ7B) will send Rick an example of what is the minimum information for a net report.
- Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted

Randy Mather – AJ7B  
WARTS NET Secretary