

## **Minutes of the Western Pennsylvania Repeater Council**

The annual meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Repeater Council was called to order on Oct 20, 2024 at 1:20 PM by Chairperson, WA3UFN, at Hoss's Restaurant located in Grove City, PA.

Attendance: 9 members and guest

Due to the lack of quorum those present base on Roberts Rules voted to form a Quasi Committee so that the organization work could continue.

### **REPORTS OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

Election of Sectary and Vice Chairperson:

Nominee N3LRG Christine Rial - Elected unopposed

Nominee AC3DB Aaron Miller - Elected unopposed

**Chairperson Report:** Encourage members to read the website to see all the updates. Especially all forms should be email now due to the month long USPS delays. Our PO Mailbox only sends out the acuminated mail once a month so the best method is email. The next discussion that was talked about was which online payment service we are going to use. After the discussion a decision was made to with PayPal. - Motion by AB3PJ, second by AG3J Motion carried

This brought up the next item, what to about USPS when we closing the PO Box down. It cost \$287 a year to keep open which is expensive for those that won't email or use PayPal. It was recommended that USPS will go to the treasurer and any submitted forms will get scanned and sent to the secretary so that they can be logged. Again it was highly recommended using electronic email to speed processing up.

**Secretary Report:** The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Motion to accept KC3KUS, seconded by KB3OHU - Motion Carried

**Treasurer Report:** Current Balance \$6868.19 Income none, Expenses none – Treasurer is working with the bank still to get online banking working. - Motion to accept WA3PYU, seconded by KC3KUS - Motion Carried

### **Frequency Coordinator Report:**

*Application Count:*

Pre 2023 applications: 11 approved, 7 denied, 4 still pending

Post 2023 applications: 7 approved, 8 denied, 13 still pending

Cross-Coordination; 12 received, 1 denied

In Queue: 17

The Coordinator stated that all forms submitted are logged and are processed by the log number. Also since we are now coordinated by propagation instead of the old method of a 100 mile circle it is very

important that repeater report the accurate latitude and longitude of their repeater location. It is recommended that repeater get their GPS location by using the GPS function of their smart phone.

We will be sending out repeater surveys starting Nov 1<sup>st</sup> via email via their trustee email and/or their backup trustee. If there is no responds then the survey will be sent out via USPS. All attempts will be made to get in touch with the repeater owner before it gets uncoordinated.

It is also recommend the WPRC repeater owners notify the leadership and the coordinator of any repeaters in their local areas that are off the air. We will then contact those owners to find out what is going on with their repeater.

The Frequency Coordinator then has a talk about how the new classifications of repeaters;

Wide Area Coverage – Cover a whole geographical area – Are coordinated

Limited Coverage – Design to cover only a small area – Are coordinated

Temporary Coverage – Small special event or portable repeaters - Not Coordinated

Experimental Repeater – For testing new techniques or hardware – Not Coordinated

The coordinator mentions that all repeater owners keep the council up to date with any changes to their repeaters. For example moving the repeater to a new location, or adding an amplifier, or antenna coverage pattern changes. Also please confirm the repeaters are identifying with the correct callsign. Repeaters are being found with call sign of Silent Keys, these should be updated right away.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

New Wordpress website is being worked on for WPRC. A vote was taken to move the website to a local provider that offers much better support to its users. A vote was taken to move the webhosting to Pair Inc. Motion by WB3BPJ, seconded by K3OHU – Motion Carried

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Talk about updating the constitution and bylaws. There is a lot of outdated statements and should be updated. Not acted on today.

#### **Good Of The Council:**

Discussion on rotating the meeting but it seems most people like the Hoss's here in Grove City since it seems to be centrally located. We are tentatively setting Hoss's in Grove City for the next meeting on April 27, 2025. It was also discussed on how to get more operators to show up to the council meeting.

Meeting adjourned 2:29 PM

Respectively submitted by:  
Christine Rial, N3LRG