



Western Pennsylvania Repeater Council, Inc.
Meeting Report April 17, 2016 1:00PM
Saint Nicholas Church Hall, Nicktown, PA. Meeting Hosts Dylan Beaty & Chuck Englody N3LAD/ Lunch and drinks by Sandy Englody N3MWH

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Technical Committee Chair.: Kevin Custer W3KCC
Treasurer & Webmaster: Scott Zimmerman N3XCC

----- April 17th 2016 Spring Meeting Report Highlights -----

The WPRC, Inc. Board of Directors would like to extend a “thank you” to the 20 people who gave of their time and attended the April 17th WPRC, Inc. Spring meeting at the Saint Nicholas Church Hall.

It is only with your participation we can effectively do our jobs and serve you to the best of our abilities. With your strong attendance the past few years we have positively affected forward thinking and continuous improvements as you will see even more improvements to come this year.

Because of your cooperation and efficiency, this meeting was completed in just over 60 minutes and everyone arrived on time. At the end of the meeting, everyone stuck around for a very nice lunch provided by Sandy Englody N3MWH. Please check out the pictures posted on our Facebook page. This was a real “Hams” meeting. Sandy knows how to feed a hungry crew. THANK YOU!!!!

A special thank you to Saint Nicholas Church Hall, Nicktown, PA & Meeting Hosts Dylan Beaty & Chuck Englody N3LAD. Dylan had a very nice talk in station setup and the room was ready for our use.

Some folks even showed up early and had a very nice breakfast provided by Saint Nicholas Church Hall. Pictures have been posted on the WPRC, Inc. Facebook page (Photographer Jack Brew KC3BGR) Our Spring meeting was completed in a very orderly fashion with the input and feedback of everyone in attendance.

The entire board and members wish to thank Tom Cooney W3SF who produced the most recent WPRC, Inc. Membership Form. Elaine K3EMM has asked that it become an on line form as well.

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Jim Knox N5NWC started the meeting with a prayer asking for the Lord's blessing of our health, our efforts as a group working together, and Jim also asked that we all be blessed with a safe trip home. Jim concluded asking for the Lord's blessing watching over and helping us to make good decisions.

1) Meeting Called to Order

Paul W3PLP called the Regular Meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Repeater Council to order at 1:01 PM. Paul announced that as with all meetings there is an audio recording that is kept on file for board of director access only. Paul also mentioned that if anyone was uncomfortable with the meeting being archived in audio format they were welcome to step out. Audio Log # 3960

2) Welcome and Introductions. We went around the room and introduced ourselves by name and call sign. Refer to attendance list at the end of this report. Log # 3955. Paul asked to make sure everyone has checked in with the Secretary and signed the check in sheet.

3) New Members

Scott N3XCC noted only membership renewals to date. No new members to seat at this meeting.

Scott mentioned he is working on a database idea to link the membership database with the coordination database so we have a better access to membership status and statistical data.

4) Treasurer's Report Scott N3XCC

2016 Western PA Repeater Council - Treasurer's Report
Spring Meeting Opening Balance

Date	Description	Checking	Petty Cash
4/13/2016	Account Balance	9,753.93	81.75
	Membership Dues Deposits:	526.14	
	Year to Date Other Deposits (ARRL Stipend)	321.00	
	Interest Deposits (checking with interest):	0.46	
	Mail Box & Forwarding and postage Thru 4-13-2016	-150.00	

Membership data pending. And Scott will update the membership list on our website.

Motion to Approve: Paul AB3PJ 2nd: Bill N3BPB Vote: Unanimous

We discussed investing some of the money in a CD or other option. It seemed like all in attendance agreed a savings account was a way to go. Do note there are some upcoming expenses in software and we will be utilizing some of the funds as agreed in a future meeting.

5) Frequency Coordinator Report - Frank N3FB

Read by Kevin W3KKC

Since October 18, 2015 the following items have been processed:

We have 4 Open Applications that are currently being processed.

1 – Deletions, this was database maintenance.

7 - Denials

6 – Final Coordinations issued.

4 – Current Initial Coordinations.

24 – Requests from surrounding Coordination Bodies.

Most of these requests are from the surrounding coordinators; they have a 30 day time limit. Therefore, they are processed as soon as possible. Unfortunately, this can take up some time that I would have been doing our area coordinations.

I am working on received requests from December and will make an effort to get more current by the next meeting.

I posted a repeater directory update to the webpage on October 14, there has not been very many changes since then. I expect to be posting an update by the end of this month.

In December my employer sent me out of town to make a visit to another facility. On the return trip, I passed through Newington, CT and made a stop at ARRL headquarters. I had a brief meeting with Steve Ford, WB8IMY, he is my contact at the ARRL regarding coordination. I wanted to put a face to the e-mails. We discussed, among other things, the new database format which has gone on line. I have not made a change to the new database but I have verified that it is correct as submitted last fall.

Thanks again to Kevin for all the help that he does behind the scenes

6) Committee Reports

a) Technical Committee – Kevin W3KKC

Kevin, as we all know, tackles most of the technical issues presented to this group and in most cases even settles most disputes before they even become official business. In addition, Frank mentioned, Kevin proofs and or fact checks applications making coordination cycle time much shorter.

b) Public Relations Committee – Scott N3XCC

Scott thanked Elisha Zimmerman KB9WCX who produced the most recent WPRC, Inc. newsletter. Scott announced plans to publish another one before the October Elections Meeting. The WPRC, Inc. website is progressing slowly and the information there is more accurate and useful.

7) Old Business

a) **70 CM Band Plan.** Kevin W3KKC reviewed and explained the new 70 CM band plan that was adopted at the last meeting. Kevin also mentioned it should be listed on the WPRC, Inc. website soon, however it is included in the October meeting report which is published on the WPRC, Inc. website and Facebook page.

8) New Business

- a) We have issued log numbers 3857 -3944 prior to this meeting.
- b) Bill K3BPB asked that the by-laws be revised and simplified to current operations. The board mentioned that Jeff N8PSU is heading up that project and we would reach out to Jeff.

9) **Good of the Council:** noting mentioned

10) Upcoming Elections in the year end October Election Meeting

Vice-Chairman position:

Secretary position:

11) Adjournment at 2:04 PM

Motion to Adjourn: 2:04PM Sam W3CYO 2nd: Chuck N3LAD Vote: Unanimous

12) Attendance as copied from signed attendance Log Number: 3955 – 20 in attendance.

Paul Plants	W3PLP	Board of Directors – Chairman Re-elected
Elmer “Bud” Plants	N3TIR	Board of Directors – Vice-Chairman
Tom Brew	K3WS	Board of Directors – Secretary
Elaine Bailey	K3EMM	Board of Directors – Assistant Secretary
Kevin Custer	W3KKC	Board of Directors – Technical Committee Chairman
Jim Knox	N5NWC	Board of Directors – Chaplain Appointed
Scott Zimmerman	N3XCC	Board of Directors – Treasurer & Webmaster
Jack Brew	KC3BGR	Member
Dave Chubski	KB3UAG	Member
Joe Shupienis	W3BC	Member
William Kristoff Jr.	N3BPB	Member
Chuck Englody	N3LAD	Member
Patty Marshall	N3XAR	Member
Paul Bidzilya	AB3PJ	Member
Janet Shadle	KG4JBB	Member
Steve Fazekas	K3FAZ	Member
Ray Henderson	WA3PRR	Member
Sam Mayberry	W3CYO	Member
Chris Englody	KC3DTC	Associate Member
Dylan Beaty	KC3DVR	Member

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Special Committees, Thank you to everyone for your continued support and assistance in the growth and continued success of the WPRC, Inc. providing effective coordination services to the amateur community in which we serve.

Meeting Notes Log Number: 3961

Meeting Audio Log Number: 3960

Meeting Sign In Log Number: 3955

See you all at the July 17th Summer Meeting in North Pittsburgh PA at the Channel 11 Studio - Host Frank N3FB, and October in Punxsutawney, PA – Host Jim N5NWC. Time, address, and talk in will be posted.

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