



Western Pennsylvania Repeater Council, Inc.

Meeting Notes April 19, 2015 1:00PM

Bedford, PA- Bedford County Courthouse, Host Steve BCARS – KA3UDR

W.P.R.C, Inc. 3000 Village Run Road, Unit 103 #173, Wexford Pa 15090-9244

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Chairman: Paul Plants W3PLP
Vice-Chairman: Elmer (Bud) Plants N3TIR
Secretary: Thomas Brew K3WS
Assistant Secretary: Elaine Bailey K3EMM Appointed
Treasurer: Tom Cooney Jr. W3SF

Frequency Coordinator: Frank Bobro N3FB Appointed
Bylaws Committee Chairman: Jeff Blake N8PSU Appointed
Technical Committee Chairman: Kevin Custer W3KKC Appointed
Publicity Chairman & Webmaster: Scott Zimmerman N3XCC Appointed

----- April 19th 2015 Spring Meeting Report Highlights -----

We would like to extend a "Thank You" to the 26 people who gave of their time and attended the April 19th WPRC, Inc. Regular Spring Meeting at the Bedford County Courthouse in Bedford, PA. It is only with your participation we can effectively do our jobs and serve you to the best of our abilities. It is with your attendance we all can positively affect forward thinking and continuous improvements. As a result of this meeting and with the help of everyone in attendance we voted on some important matters including the change of location for the July 19th 2015 meeting to the Somerset Hamfest. The address and talk in information will be posted soon. Because of your cooperation and efficiency, this meeting was completed in just under 43 minutes and everyone arrived on time.

A special thank you to Steve KA3UDR and the Bedford County Amateur Radio Society our host for this great meeting location. Pictures have been posted on the WPRC, Inc. Facebook page (Photographer Jack Brew KC3BGR) Our April Spring meeting was completed in a timely and efficient manner and we accomplished a great deal very efficiently as a team. The snacks and drinks provided by BCARS were a very special surprise.

The winners of the 2015 -2016 ARRL Repeater directory raffle were: Chuck N3LAD, Lori KB3GMU, Joe W3BC, Carmine K3CWP, William N3BPB, Sam W3CYO, and Elise KC3BTD. Congratulations!!!

And the big winner of the day was Carmine K3CWP who won a repeater directory and the NEW HT that was raffled off by the Bedford County Amateur Radio Society.

Just a reminder that 2015 membership renewal time has passed. Please try to have your completed accurate membership form and payment in to the WPRC, Inc. as soon as possible. An updated membership form is available on wprcinfo.org or by e-mail request to sec@wprcinfo.org

On a very positive side note: All checks received at this meeting were deposited just days later. The fastest deposit ever for us.... ☺

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----- July 20th 2014 Spring Meeting Report -----

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.

Those in attendance participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

1) Meeting Called to Order

Paul W3PLP called the Regular Meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Repeater Council to order at 1:00 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 # 3820

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 # 3819 Paul asked to make sure everyone has checked in with the Secretary and signed the check in sheet.

3) New Members

Tom W3SF Reported the following proposed new members:

Bedford County ARS K3NQT, Wireless Assoc. of South Hills N3SH, Mike Errigo WB3EQW 147.225, and S. Sutton Hamilton Assoc. Welcome all new members...

Motion to Approve and Seat: Carmine K3CWP 2nd Kenny WB3JEK Vote: Unanimous

4) Treasurer's Report Tom W3SF From Log # 3822

2015 Western PA Repeater Council - Treasurer's Report

Log # 3822 by Tom Cooney W3SF

Date	Description	Checking	Petty Cash
10/19/2014	Account Balances	7773.87	94.73
	Membership Dues Deposits:	225.00	
	Year to Date Other Deposits (ARRL Stipend):	0.00	
	Interest Deposits (checking with interest):	0.39	
	Expenses Through End of 2014:		
	Mail Box & Forwarding Thru 11-15-2015	-250.00	
12/31/2014	2014 Year Ending Balances:	7749.26	94.73
1/1/2015	2015 Year Opening Balances:		
	Income, Year to Date 2015:		
	Membership Dues Deposits:	480.00	

Year to Date Other Deposits (ARRL Stipend):	370.00
Interest Deposits (checking with interest):	0.39

Expenses, Year to Date 2015:

Mailbox Forwarding Postage Replenishment:	-100.00
wprcinfo.org Domain Registration - 5 years	-55.25

4/19/2015	8444.40	94.73
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4/19/2015 Total WPRC Funds:	8539.13	
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Membership Database Records	332
2015 Membership - Regular Renewal	37
2015 Membership - Regular NEW	3
2015 Membership - Associate Renewal	0
2015 Membership - Associate NEW	1
2015 Membership - Complimentary Records	5

As of 4/18* 41 members / 325 Coordinations	12.60%
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Side note April 21, 2015 by Tom W3SF: Received 24* paid memberships at the 4/19/2015 meeting. All have had log numbers assigned by Elaine, and all checks and cash received (\$360.00) were deposited into FNB today! Fastest deposit ever...

Motion to Approve: Carmine KC3WP 2nd Kevin W3KKC Vote: Unanimous

5) Frequency Coordinator Report - Frank N3FB

We have issued 12 Final coordinations, 7 Initial Coordinations, and 9 Denied coordination requests.

We received a letter from WACOM reporting 3 silent coordinated machines. We sent letters per policy. We have received replies with desire to place back on air. "Frank N3FB asked the group, Where do we go from here?" Kevin W3KKC gave details on what we typically do and mentioning this is a hobby and we can proceed pretty much as we desire as a group. This topic met with a lot of around the room discussion and answering of questions. All required actions have been taken.

Frank N3FB made a special note of thanks to Kevin W3KKC for all of his help and support.

Motion to Approve: Tom K3WS 2nd Scott N3XCC Vote: Unanimous

6) Committee Reports

a) Technical Committee – Kevin W3KKC

Kevin W3KKC gave a report on the status of all technical issues. We received an interference complaint from the Trustee of 147.375 West VA, and a personal e-mail regarding the Johnstown 147.375. Turned out there was a rouge repeater on in Greene County. A formal complaint was filed with the rouge repeater owner and the machine was politely shut down. I also handled 5 telephone messages, and a number of repeater frequency coordinations were pre-screened for accuracy. Helped a Punxsutawney ham with a transfer of coordination from Tionesta. Helped the Frequency Coordinator with a few 'action'

questions. Frequency Coordinator is copying me on items that I can help with directly. Some of these items allow me to respond to inquiries in a very timely fashion, like bringing inactive repeater owners up to speed and instilling confidence back into the WPRC, Inc. The website is starting to work, as people are using the tools provided to figure out HAAT. Many of the pre-screenings are much more accurate than ever before. Between Kevin and Frank and at times other board members, all open items are caught up and going through due process. "Things are running smoothly." We had a few rounds of open discussion and technical discussions with all in attendance.

Clarification was also given on the validity and the status of the UNYREPCO. The only remaining officer (Robert Soltis – WA2VCS wa2vcs@gmail.com) is the Treasurer who is handling all operations and has indicated that he intends to rebuild and place people in the proper positions to fulfill the duties of the organization. It is the intention of the WPRC, Inc. to work with Mr. Soltis now and going forward.

Kevin also noted that he proactively paid the 5 year renewal of the wprcinfo.org domain name.

Motion to Approve Kevin's decision: Sam W3CYO 2nd Joe W3BC Vote: Unanimous

b) Public Relations Committee – Scott N3XCC

WPRC, Inc. Website update – Scott N3XCC. A new user friendly WPRC, Inc. web site is planned for later 2015 launch.

This topic was met with around the room discussion and a lot of folks in attendance had a great deal of participation on this subject. Come to a meeting and be part of the momentum ...

7) Old Business

a) We are now on a 3 meeting a year schedule as voted on at the October 2014 Meeting. April in Bedford, July in Washington PA, and October in Punxsutawney, PA (we will vote on 2016 meeting locations at the October 2015 Election meeting).

Bill N3BPB suggested moving the July meeting to the Somerset Hamfest for the exposure.

Motion to Approve moving the July Meeting to Somerset: Jim N5NWC 2nd Bryan WA3UFN Vote: Unanimous

8) New Business Item b) was a write in before the meeting. You are welcome to make suggestions.

a) We have issued log numbers 3736 – 3802 October 19, 2014 to current. (66 items acted on from October to current) Plus quite a few more added and acted on at this meeting.

b) "Since the mid-winter meeting has disappeared, might we change the dues year from January 1 to the April meeting date, whatever it is? Sam W3CYO." "How about we keep the due date Jan 1, but with a grace period until the spring meeting? Scott N3XCC"

Motion to Approve: Sam W3CYO 2nd Chuck N3LAD Vote: Unanimous The dues are due the 1st of each year with the grace period to pay being extended to the April meeting of each year.

9) Good of the Council

a) Scott N3XCC offered to perform FREE VE Testing at the end of each WPRC, Inc. Meeting. We all agreed to give it a try.

b) Bill N3BPB requested a thank you banner listing paid members and thanking them for their support and a membership. This topic also met with a lot of around the room discussion leading to good possible outcome. We all seem to want a current member's page as well.

10) Re-Introduce the Board members for 2015 mentioning the re-elections and the elections to be held in October. See the top of this document for a list of all elected and appointed positions.

11) Location and time of next meeting (As voted on in the April 19th Regular Spring Meeting) Somerset PA, at the Somerset Hamfest. Address and talk in information will be posted on wprcinfo.org and on our Facebook page. Please note there will be a \$5.00 fee to attend the Hamfest. This will be a fun event.

12) Adjournment at 1:41 PM Thank you BCARS for the use of the facility and the great refreshments.

Motion to Adjourn: Sam W3CYO 2nd Carmine K3CWP Vote: Unanimous

13) Attendance as copied from signed attendance Log Number: 3819 26 in attendance.

Paul Plants	W3PLP	Member – Chairman
Tom Brew	K3WS	Member – Secretary Reelected October 19 th
Jack Brew	KC3BGR	Member
Elaine Bailey	K3EMM	Member – Assistant Secretary
Kevin Custer	W3KKC	Member – Technical Committee Chairman
Frank Bobro	N3FB	Member – Frequency Coordinator
Jim Knox	N5NWC	Member – Chaplain
Tom Cooney Jr.	W3SF	Member – Treasurer
Scott Zimmerman	N3XCC	Member - Webmaster & Public Relations
Lori Bobro	KB3GMU	Guest
Sam Mayberry	W3CYO	Member
Elmer “Bud” Plants	N3TIR	Member – Vice-Chairman Elected October 19 th
Brian Fornwalt	N3ZQY	Member – 2 nd Rep
Joe Shupienis	W3BC	Member
Bryan Simanic	WA3UFN	Member
William Kristoff Jr.	N3BPB	Member
Lloyd Roach	K3QNT	Guest
Carmine Prestia	K3CWP	Member
John Hogenmiller	KB3DFZ	Guest
Chris Englody	KC3DTC	Guest
Chuck Englody	N3LAD	Member
Steven Elliott	KA3UDR	Member
Steve Warm	KE3ZT	Guest
Patty Marshall	N3XAR	Member
Elsie Meloy	KC3BTD	Member
Kenny Burtnett	WB3JEK	Guest

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.

Meeting Notes Log Number: 3818

Meeting Audio Log Number: 3820

Meeting Sign In Log Number: 3819

See you all:

July 19th in Somerset, PA 1:00 - PM Regular Ham Fest Meeting
October 18th in Punxsutawney, PA 1:00 PM - Regular Year End Election Meeting

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