

Western Pennsylvania Repeater Council, Inc.
Meeting notes from April 23, 2017
13:00 Hrs.

Meeting held at the Hampton Inn, Meadville Pa.

Chairman: Paul Plants, W3PLP	Frequency Coordinator: Frank Bobro, N3FB
Vice Chairman: Bud Plants, N3TIR	By Laws committee: Jeff Blake, N8PSU
Secretary: Paul Bidzilya, AB3PJ	Assist Secretary: Elaine Bailey, K3EMM
Technical committee: Kevin Custer, W3KKC	Treasurer & Web master: Scott Zimmerman, N3XCC

Meeting called to order at 13:00 hours by chairman Plants. Around the room introduction of officers and attendee were conducted.

Introduction of new members: No new members.

Chairman Plants reminded all that dues for 2017 are to be paid by the close of today's meeting.

Treasurer's report of activity since last meeting:
WPRC Yearly Treasurer's Report 2016 Scott Zimmerman – N3XCC

Checking Balance - End of 2015 \$8960.72 Income \$1267.93 Expenses \$529.70 Checking Balance - End of 2016 \$9698.95 Cash on Hand - End of 2016 \$156.75 WPRC Total Assets - End of 2016 \$9855.70
*2016 Net Gain – \$738.23

Total Income 2016 – \$1267.93 Consisting of: Renewals – 63 @ \$15 = \$945.00 ARRL Stipend – \$321.00
Checking Interest – \$1.93

Total Expenses 2016 – \$529.70 Consisting of: Forwarding Postage - \$400 Frequency Coordinator Stipend - \$100 Website Hosting & Domain Name - \$29.70
Motion by Sam, W3CYO and second by WA3UFN, to accept report. Motion carried.

Frequency coordinator report of actions since last meeting:
Since October 16, 2016 the following items have been processed:

- 3 – Deletions, two were database maintenance, one was a withdrawal of an application.
- 1 - Denials
- 13 – Final Coordinations issued.
- 2 – Current Initial Coordinations.
- 19 – 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.

In December I used the holiday break to catch up with the requests. As of 12/31/16 I was up to date with all requests and believe that they have been dealt with. If that is not the case we will need to do some searching to see, it is always possible for something to become misplaced or gobbled up by the data monster!

It seems that there is often confusion when changing the trustee of a repeater. I have been working on a new form to assist with that transfer and hopefully make the paper trail clearer. The form always has been required to come from the current trustee on record with the WPRC. This does not change. Thanks again to Kevin for all the help that he does behind the scenes and everyone on the board for keeping the council operating smoothly.

Mention –
October 15th meeting PA QSO Party weekend. We may want to change date.

We should review the April date to avoid 1 – Easter 2 – NAB.

I would like to get a yearly Earth Point subscription. This site converts data to google earth points. You can do 199 entries at a time for free. I have been converting my data into less than 199 entries at a time and it is tedious. I am always concerned that I may have missed something. (This was voted on and approved).

Motion by W3KKC, second by W3CYO to approve expense for the subscription. Motion carried.

Discussed the October meeting date. It currently is on the PA QSO party weekend. Discussion will be held in July to determine date for meeting.

Technical Committee Report:

Applications need to be completed with good accurate information when submitting to WPRC. This will also help to avoid the application being returned. On our website, there are links for the FCC HAAT calculator to help applicants out.

Discussed the new 440 religned band plan. Reminder to all that System FUSION is not 12.5 compliant channel spacing. 220 band is also greatly underutilized around here.

Public Relations: Absent due to work.

Old business: 501 (c) 3 status was again discussed. It was determined that it not practical or beneficial for the WPRC to pursue this status.

New Business;

WA3PBD asked the status of an application submitted in April of 2016. It was denied by adjacent councils, and our response was apparently not received by WA3PBD.

Discussion was held as to why the WPRC will no longer supply repeater information to the new publisher of the ARRL repeater book. They are using a third party to publish, and WPRC feels it is not our right to hand over information to the third party to publish.

Discussion was also had about the fact that crystals are no longer made in the USA for older crystaled radios. ICM, one of the suppliers is going out of the business. Crystals will be available, but not from the USA.

W3CYO motioned to adjourn, second by W3KKC. Motion carried.

Members and guests present for April meeting:

Paul Bidzilya, Ab3PJ

Tom Nagy, W3TLN

Steve Singer, KB3YLT

Bruce Gibson, K3BEG

Greg Singer, KB3WCM

Lori Bobro, KB#GMU

Elaine Bailey, K3EMM

Paul Plants, W3PLP

Bev Hudsick, W3BEV

Barry Capell, WA3GSH

John McCaskey, N3CUP

Gary Chisolm, WA3NSM

Attendance log number 4051

Sam Mayberry, W3CYO

Sandy Nagy

Joe Vaccaro, W3JTV

Jim Newell, K7JN

Patty Marshall, N3XAR

Kevin Kuster, W3KKC

Frank Bobro, N3FB

Bryan Simanic, WA3UFN

Andrew Pato, WA3PBD

James Cihon, K3TLP

Teresa Chisolm, KC3BKA