

# MINUTES OF THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA REPEATER COUNCIL

The regular meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Repeater Council was called to order April 28, 2019 at 13:00 by President, N3TIR Bud at the Hampton Inn, Meadville with a short prayer, by N3TIR.

Attendance (13): WA3UFN, N3TIR, W3BC, KA3VOR, WA3UVV, N3LI, AI3I, W3KKC, K3EMM, N3BPB, KG4JBB, WX3E, AB3XZ

Introductions by those in attendance.

## REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

*Membership:* No new members listed.

*Secretary:* Announcement was made that that meeting was being recorded. The minutes of the October 21, 2018 meeting were read. Motion by K3KCC, seconded W3BPB to accept the minutes. Carried

*Treasurer:* Treasurer report was submitted by N3XCC, Scott and read by K3KCC, Kevin. Motion by AI3I, seconded by K3KCC to accept the treasurer's report. Carried

*Correspondence:* Letter from W3BC in reference to amendment to the band plan to notate 145.550 be used as an alternative or additional cross-band input frequency for repeaters on the 441.550/446.550 repeater pairs. Motion by W3BPB, seconded by W3BC to accept the request as long as there are no repeaters coordinated so the availability is still open pending information from the Frequency Coordinator. Carried.

*Technical Committee –* K3KCC explained his involvement with assisting Frank with the repeater coordinations. There is a back-log that is being addressed and cleared. The software that EPA uses for repeater coordination is being considered for use in the WPRC. Plans are still developing to have Jeff present information about the software to WPRC. Motion to accept the technical report by W3BPB, seconded by W3BC. Carried.

*Frequency Coordinator Report:* Due to the workload at Frank's full-time job and the associated duties because of the passing of his Mother, repeater coordinations have taken more time to complete. Assistance has been directed to help with the back-log. Motion to accept the Frequency Coordinator report by W3BPB, seconded by WA3UFN. Carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

The Fort Venago 147.\_\_\_\_ repeater has been unable to be placed on the air and a requested an extension. K3KCC granted a verbal extension and advised that an email is to be sent to WPRC when the repeater is on the air.

W3XE requested information about a filed change on 146.985 Trustee. 146.64 coordination application was added to a request to a trustee change to Erie County Department of Public Safety (log #4191). Depending on the relocation distance new paperwork may need to be filed for 146.985 .

WA3UVV asked if there were any plans to assign 12.5 Khz center frequency on the 70 cm band. He was advised that plans are already in place.

## OLD BUSINESS

The Somerset hamfest is in July. There was a suggestion the WPRC meeting be held at the hamfest also. Currently the July WPRC meeting is scheduled to be held at WPXI-TV station. A discussion followed about changing the location of the July meeting. Motion by W3BPB, seconded by W3BC to consider a location change for the July meeting. Carried. The WPRC Board will decide whether or not to change the meeting to Saturday.

An offer to host a 2020 meeting in Fayette County location was made.

**GOOD OF THE COUNCIL**

AI3I offered to assist, K3KCC, Kevin assigned AI3I, John to the Technical Committee.

N3TIR, Bud will meet with Frank to get communications quicker.

W3XE, Dave offered to host a 2020 meeting in the Erie area.

AI3I offered to host a 2020 meeting in the Armstrong County area. W3BPB, Bill asked to establish a date for the Erie County meeting in 2020. W3XE suggested the location for a July 12 meeting at the West Erie County EOC.

The October 2019 meeting is scheduled for Punxsutawney.

W3BC, Joe appreciated the cooperative relationship with the WPRC and ARRL.

Motion by W3BPB, seconded by K3EMM to adjourn. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 14:11.

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Secretary

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Date approved