



Western Pennsylvania Repeater Council, Inc.
Meeting Report July 17th, 2016 1:00PM
WPXI Studios (Channel 11) 4145 Evergreen Road Pittsburgh, PA 15214
Host: Frank Bobro N3FB

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Chairman: Paul Plants W3PLP
Vice-Chairman: Elmer (Bud) Plants N3TIR
Secretary: Thomas Brew K3WS
Assistant Secretary: Elaine Bailey K3EMM

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

----- July 17th 2016 Summer 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 July 17th WPRC, Inc. Summer meeting at the WPXI Studios (Channel 11).

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 in a very transparent environment.

Because of your cooperation and efficiency, this meeting was completed in 38 minutes (a new record).

A special thank you to WPXI Studios (Channel 11) & Meeting Hosts Frank Bobro N3FB who also gave a tour of the facility after the meeting.

Our Summer meeting was completed in a very orderly fashion with the input and feedback of everyone in attendance. There were very good discussions on a variety of topics.

The entire board and members wish to thank Elaine K3EMM Assistant to the Secretary for filling in for Tom Brew K3WS Secretary who was not in attendance for personal reasons.

Special note and as a reminder we will hold elections at our next meeting and it is your chance to vote if you are a paid up member.

Upcoming Elections at the year end Annual Election Meeting October 16th in Punxsutawney, PA - Host: Jim N5NWC. There are 2 positions up for election.

Vice-Chairman position:

Secretary position: Note: Tom Brew K3WS has announced that for personal reasons, he is not running for reelection.

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Bud Plants N3TIR started with a prayer asking that God look over us as we do business and asked for his blessings for a safe trip home for all of us.

1) Meeting Called to Order

Paul W3PLP called the Regular Summer 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 # 3975

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 # 3971. Paul asked to make sure everyone has checked in with the Secretary and signed the check in sheet. ***On review of the meeting recording Tom K3WS found a few folks who did not sign the log but were added.***

3) New Members

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

4) Treasurer's Report Scott N3XCC

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Summer Meeting

Date	Description	Checking	Petty Cash
7/17/2016	Account Balance	\$9,934.71	\$126.75
	Membership Dues Deposits 11:	\$165.00	
	Interest Deposits (checking with interest):	\$0.48	
	Expense web site renewal	-\$29.70	

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

Motion to Approve: Sam W3CYO 2nd: Andy WA3PBD Vote: Unanimous

Kevin W3KKC asked that Frank N3FB be given a \$100.00 per year up front expense account for supplies, stamps, and petty items.

Kevin W3KKC Motion for the \$100.00 yearly advance. Bill K3BPB 2nd. Unanimous

5) Frequency Coordinator Report - Frank N3FB

Since Last Meeting the following items have been processed:

6 - Denials

7 – Final Coordination's issued.

7 – Current Initial Coordinations.

24 – Requests from surrounding Coordination Bodies cross coordinations.

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 some time to reach final decisions. Kevin mentioned some wait times could 45 – 60 days to guarantee accuracy. We need to give the same consideration to them that the other coordinators give us.

I am working on received requests as quick as I can and I will be working on some of this during my upcoming vacation.

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

6) Committee Reports

a) Technical Committee – Kevin W3KKC

I deal with most of the technical issues presented to this organization and in most cases, I/we even settle most inquires and disputes before they even become official business. I am just a bit behind on coordination application review processing. East Ohio has undergone a Frequency Coordinator change, and they have shared their database with the WPRC, Inc. for Frank to use for his purposes. Several people have applied for some of the 125 open 440 pairs that were opened up by Kevin's proposed and accepted 440 band plan change about a year ago.

We received an email from a person who wanted tower space for a bit of equipment for his locating service business, in return for access to the data. After discussion, we decided that the return email should be 'no thank you' from the WPRC, Inc.

7) Old Business

a) **Bill K3BPB** asked that the by-laws be revised to meet the current operations. Leading Scott N3XCC to open an item of new business as seen below.

8) New Business

a) We have issued log numbers 3946 – 3970 through July 17, 2016.

b) Scott N3XCC brought 501c3 status for WPRC, Inc. Do we need 501c3 status? - Non-profit organization, or Non-profit charitable organization -Which should apply to the WPRC, Inc.? - We have filed articles of incorporation with PA as a non-profit organization, by default, we don't have to file anything. - Decided to discuss more at the October meeting, with Scott bringing more complete information. Bill - N3BPB -- cautions us to be careful what is said here regarding IRS and bylaws etc. Nothing is in writing and the research is ongoing. Much more coming at the next meeting...

9) Good of the Council:

Bob Greenburg W2CYK, ARRL - doing the repeater directory, wants all information on our Coordination database, and access to the WPRC, Inc database. Discussion ensues; Frank indicated that we do update the ARRL database with the basic Coordination information. Steve Ford is our ARRL contact. We decided to deny his request for information, and if he wants more information, he can get it from the Coordination Owners. Frank keeps the ARRL database up to date as he see fit in the best interest of the repeater owners privacy.

10) Upcoming Elections in the year end October Election Meeting

Vice-Chairman position:

Secretary position: Note: Tom Brew K3WS has announced that for personal reasons, he is not running for reelection.

11) Adjournment at 1:38 PM

Motion to Adjourn: Sam W3CYO 2nd: Kevin W3KKC Vote: Unanimous

12) Attendance as copied from signed attendance Log Number: 3971 – 20 in attendance.

Paul Plants	W3PLP	Board of Directors – Chairman Re-elected
Elmer “Bud” Plants	N3TIR	Board of Directors – Vice-Chairman
Frank Bobro	N3FB	Frequency Coordinator
Elaine Bailey	K3EMM	Board of Directors – Assistant Secretary
Kevin Custer	W3KKC	Board of Directors – Technical Committee Chairman
Scott Zimmerman	N3XCC	Board of Directors – Treasurer & Webmaster
William Kristoff Jr.	N3BPB	Member
Lori Bobro	KB3GMU	Member
Patty Marshall	N3XAR	Member
Paul Bidzilya	AB3PJ	Member
Sam Mayberry	W3CYO	Member
Bill Steffey	NY9H	Guest
Janet Shadle	KG4JBB	Member
Andrew L Pato	WA3PBD	Guest
Doug Smith	N3COW	Member
Matthew Siko	NH7TV	Guest
Elisha Zimmerman	KB9WCX	Member
Avery Zimmerman	NC	Guest
Addy Zimmerman	NC	Guest
Lincoln Zimmerman	NC	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 in which we serve.

Meeting Notes Log Number: 3972

Meeting Audio Log Number: 3975

Meeting Sign In Log Number: 3971

See you all 1:00PM at the Upcoming Annual Election Meeting October 16th 1:00PM in Punxsutawney, PA - Host: Jim N5NWC. Address, and talk in will be posted.

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