

Western Pennsylvania Repeater Council

Annual meeting, October 21, 2018

Held in Punxatawney, PA

First order of business:

Special election to fill position of chairman due to recent passing of W3PLP, Paul Plants. Term of office will be one year. N3TIR nominated by WA3UFN. Jim Knox nominated by W3KKC. Election held. N3TIR declared winner, 8-3.

Election for Vice Chairman held. W3KKC nominated by W3BC, second by WA3UFN. No other nominations. Secretary cast lone ballot. W3KKC declared winner.

Election for Secretary. WA3UFN nominated by W3KKC. No other nominations. Secretary cast ballot. WA3UFN declared winner.

Annual meeting called to order at 13:17 hours.

Noted N3XCC attending meeting via phone.

1: Around the room introductions were held.

2: New members to be seated. None currently.

3: Treasure report: petty cash approximately \$276.75. Website renewal due soon. Cost uncertain. Final year end report to be sent to secretary to be added to minutes. Motion by W3KKC, Second by Elaine to accept. Motion carried.

4: Technical committee reported the group from Erie has submitted an application for a 2 meter pair. Reviewed and sent to frequency coordinator.

5: Frequency Coordinator report:

11 deletions from the data base.

12 final coordination issued.

7 denials.

2 modifications.

48 surrounding coordination requests.

6: Technical committee: Discussed briefly which software package to go with for coordinations. Noted eastern PA council happy with the software they are using. May demo that package.

Old business: none

New business:

W3BC noted he would like a link added to our website for the ARRL. Scott will handle this. Some additional corrections will be made as some type "O"s exist.

Joe also asked if the repeater list could be updated as it is a year out of date. This will be updated per Scott and Frank.

WPA section of ARRL has designated simplex channels for use in each county in the Western Region. Total of 7 channels available, none will repeat in neighboring counties to help avoid interference.

W3BC also noted they have been receiving complaints of cross band repeaters. These are for temporary use, lowest power needed to get the job done. They also need to abide by FCC rules, and please be cautious of the frequencies in use as not to interfere with a coordinated repeater.

N3BPB asked if permission was being obtained by coordinate repeaters for those cross banding. Joe responded most likely not. He has been hearing a cross band 440 repeater on 52 simplex with no ID other than the repeater.

7: N3XCC inquired how many coordination on 145.250 as it is now classed as SNP pair. Information for this will be updated on web site.

8: Meeting for 2019. April will be in Meadville area. July to be at WPXI. Annual meeting for October will be at Punxatawney. Please check website for dates as meeting dates get close.

9: Good of the council.

N3BPB motioned that all currently paid members for 2018, have their 2019 membership fee waived due to current funds status of council. Jim Knox second motion. With exception for 2019 being any new applicant. Motion carried

10: Patty Plants birthday is Monday October 22. W3PLP estate will be selling items at the WACOM hamlets next month. N3TIR noted patty is doing well. Frequency Coordinator will move Patty up to trustee on Paul's coordination's.

11: Jim Knox took a moment to discuss his friendship with Paul and offer up a short prayer.

Motion by Paul B, AB3PJ, second by Elaine to adjourn. Motion carried.