



Western Pennsylvania Repeater Council Inc.

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Chairman: Vacant
Vice Chairman: James Knox N5NWC
Secretary: Thomas Brew K3WS
Assistant Secretary: Elaine Bailey K3EMM
Treasurer: Charles Gessner W3ON

Frequency Coordinator: Frank Bobro N3FB
Bylaws Committee Chairman: Jeff Blake N8PSU
Technical Committee Chairman: Kevin Custer WJ8G
Publicity Chairman: Jim Knox N5NWC
Assistant Publicity Chairman: Scott Zimmerland N3XCC

W.P.R.C. Revised October 21, 2012 Meeting Minutes
Butler County 911 Center—Butler, Pa.

Meeting called to order at 13:36 hours by Chairman Phil Heck KE3EI..

Point of order called by Kevin WJ8G, who noted that Phil KE3EI no longer has a valid amateur radio license (expired 7/28/12), and as such, is no longer eligible for membership in the W.P.R.C., nor can he continue as Chairman. Presented and agreed; Vice Chairman Paul W3PLP will Chair the meeting.

Meeting called to order by Acting Chairman Paul W3PLP at 13:43 hours.

1. Around the room introduction of individuals and organizations Members: 28, Temporary Reps, 8, Secondary Reps, 4, Guests, 8.
2. Secretary Paul AB3PJ read list of new membership applications received at July meeting in State College. Those were from:
Randy Ballard KB3HJC, Elaine Bailey K3EMM, Blue Knob Repeater Association, Clearfield County Amateur Radio Club, Gregory Jeffers N3FYD, John Jordan N3SNN, Mel Musulin N3BJY, M. Scott Zimmerman N3XCC. Applications submitted since the July meeting were not processed. Motion to approve by Tom K3WS, seconded by Kevin WJ8G. 22 yes votes: 0 no votes Motion passed.
3. Kevin WJ8G made a motion which was set off the floor by W3PLP to finish current business and Kevin was given a chance to continue his motion that was then withdrawn by Kevin.
4. Minutes from prior meeting read by Secretary Paul AB3PJ. Minor corrections were noted by Joe KR3P. Jeff N8PSU asked that the discussion during the meeting relative to membership applications be added to the meeting minutes. Motion to approve corrected minutes made by Sam W3CYO, seconded by Cynthia WB3CNJ. Vote: 22 -- Yes, 0: Opposed -- 15 Abstentions.
5. Treasurer's Annual report and Proposed 2013 budget report presented by Treasurer Chuck W3ON,

Membership Statistics: (October 2011 to October 2012)

Regular: 77-- Associate: 4 --Total Members: 81 -- Represented Repeaters 121

Oct 2011 to Oct 2012 Expenses by Department:

Chairman: \$0 Vice Chairman: \$0

Secretary: \$32.40 Stamps/Office Supplies -- Frequency Coordinator: \$366.47 -- Membership Committee: \$349.98

Treasurer: \$793.23*

Total Expenses: \$1542.08

* Treasurer paid all outstanding expenses including mailbox rent, mail forwarding to secretary, web page rent/domain name registration, incorporation legal expenses, and BOD approved items.

Starting Balance: \$3564.72--Income: \$1880.00 -- Total Income: \$5444.72 -- Total Expenses: \$1542.08

Ending Balance: \$3872.13

Proposed Budget October 2012 to October 2013:

Chairman: \$25.00--Vice Chairman: \$25.00--Secretary: \$135.00 -- Frequency Coordinator: \$505.25--Membership

Committee: \$137.25--Treasurer: \$771.50 -- Total Budget: \$1624.00

Current Checking Account Balance: (October 21, 2012): \$3872.13

Projected Income (100 Represented Repeaters @ \$15 each): \$1500.00

Proposed 2012/2013 Budget: \$1624.00 -- Projected Ending Balance: \$3748.13

MTA: Sam W3CYO--2nd: Kevin WJ8G. Approved: Yes Disapproved: None

Much general discussion relative to automating WPRC operations on the website was made. Acting Chairman Paul W3PLP indicated that secure web forms and insecurity of email is a big issue.

6. Frequency Coordinator Report by Frank N3FB.

Cynthia WB3CNJ noted interference to 146.985 KB3PSL repeater by 147.000 N8AD repeater owned by Leonard Stefanelli, Fairview PA, whose repeater is rebroadcasting 40m traffic. "N8AD" repeater is reportedly interfering with coordinated repeater as well as adjacent channel repeater. Cynthia WB3CNJ requested that a formal letter be sent to N8AD to remedy this situation, and that any communication relative to this issue be forwarded to Cynthia.

Frequency Coordinator's report -- Frank N3FB Received 24 requests from neighboring coordination bodies; all met spacing criteria and were approved. Frank indicated 328 surveys have been returned. 314 unique, and 14 duplicates. Second notice was sent to FCC record address on August 29 to repeater trustees who did not respond to the previous surveys. Frank N3FB further reported that he has been rebuilding frequency coordination database, starting with data from 2005, which includes data from the survey forms. Frank reported that the database holds 391 entries, 309 repeaters, 82 are links/control frequencies. Database is nearly complete, but there are still some surveys to be returned. Next step is to work on output side of the database, and create forms and reports. Now that the database is near complete, WPRC area requests will begin to be processed, since there is data to use to evaluate frequency coordination requests.

7. Committee Reports:

Membership Committee Report -- Bill N3BPB reported that he had sent out letters to invite all coordinated repeater trustees to become a member of the WPRC.

8. RECESS to move vehicles parked improperly. RECONVENE

Membership Committee note: Elaine K3EMM asked for clarification on membership letter sent. It led the reader to believe they can join and be elected to a position on the board, but the Constitution clearly states one must be a member in good standing for one year to be eligible for office. Corrected.

9. Old Business:

Jeff N8PSU motioned that any membership application accompanied by a payment be acted upon when received. Discussion ensued relative to the logging and processing of new membership applications, and the motion was withdrawn.

10. Questions From The Audience:

Jim K3TLP asked about his coordination change request (trustee and call sign), Frank N3FB stated he is working on it as data from the surveys comes back.

Jim K3TLP asked why the WPRC does not send an invoice for dues. W3ON noted the notice will go out with January newsletter. WPRC Treasurer Chuck W3ON remarked that membership is based on a calendar year, not prorated or backdated.

11. New Business

Bob N3MWD submitted paperwork to change the trustee on the 443.90 N3DDY repeater. No confirmation received since trustee transfer paperwork was submitted. Status to be determined and trustee change confirmed. Joe KR3P remembered this trustee change had been addressed by the membership in the past.

Jeff N8PSU proposed that the WPRC establish a ByLaws Committee, which would be responsible for reviewing the Constitution and making suggestions for amendments and alterations. Motion made to create ByLaws committee by Tom K3WS, and seconded by Elaine K3EMM. Acting Chairman Paul W3PLP appointed Jeff N8PSU to Chair the ByLaws Committee. Vote - approved by large majority.

Kevin WJ8G proposed the formation of a Technical Committee to assist the Frequency Coordinator with his duties. Acting Chairman Paul W3PLP appointed Kevin WJ8G and Frank N3FB to co- chair this committee. Dennis K3PSP and Sam W3CYO said that they would like to participate. Kevin WJ8G asked that Joe KR3P be on the Technical committee. Acting Chairman Paul W3PLP stated that he would only approve this request if the outstanding issues with Joe KR3P are resolved. Joe KR3P supplied the Board of Directors with the frequency coordination database as of April 15 2012 which was in his possession in return for a receipt signed by the Board. Joe KR3P will forward the remaining materials he has in his possession to the Board. Kevin WJ8G's request for Joe KR3P to be on the Technical Committee was deferred by Acting Chairman Paul W3PLP.

Jeff N8PSU motioned that 2013 meeting locations be spread over the region as follows: January 2013 in Washington PA; April 2013 in Edinboro PA; July 2013 in Greensburg at the Westmoreland County 911 Center; October 2013 in Altoona at the Logan Township Municipal Building. Tom K3SF seconded the motion; vote was 'pretty unanimous'.

12. Good of the Council

WJ8G pointed out that Acting Chairman Paul W3PLP had stated that Phil KE3EI had renewed his amateur radio license, and therefore is still the Chairman However, Kevin WJ8G responded that he thought that Phil KE3EI must reapply for membership, and be a member in good standing for a year prior to being eligible for office.

The office of Chairman of the WPRC is vacant. Kevin WJ8G nominated Bud Plants N3TIR to for the Chairman position for the remainder of the Chairman's term. The motion was seconded by Scott N3XCC. Bud N3TIR declined the nomination. The Board decided that the Chairman's seat would be filled at the January meeting, per the Board's interpretation of the vacancy and the WPRC Constitution.

13. Elections:

Acting Chairman Paul W3PLP indicated that the forms submitted for repeater representation were not valid as they are proxies. After much discussion, Acting Chairman Paul W3PLP said all temporary representative forms 'do not count'.

14. Floor turned over to Treasurer Chuck W3ON as Paul AB3PJ and Paul W3PLP were both running for reelection. Thus, a conflict of interest existed.

Vice Chairman: Nominations: Jeff N8PSU nominated Jim Knox N5NWC. Paul W3PLP Nominated by Sam W3CYO.

Bud N3TIR and Scott N3XCC passed out the secret ballots, counted the ballots, and provided the results to the acting chairman Chuck W3ON. The results were then posted on a chalk board by Cynthia WB3CNJ and announced to the audience by Jack Brew, Guest.

Jim Knox N5NWC received 24 votes--Paul Plants W3PLP received 17 votes

Secretary: Nominations

N3BPB nominated Paul Bidzilya AB3PJ. Seconded by Sam W3CYO. N8PSU nominated Tom Brew K3WS. Seconded by Elaine K3EMM. Scott N3XCC motioned to close the nominations.

Bud N3TIR and Scott N3XCC passed out the secret ballots, counted the ballots, and provided the results to the acting chairman Chuck W3ON. The results were then posted on a chalk board by Cynthia WB3CNJ and announced to the audience.

Tom Brew K3WS received 20 votes--Paul Bidzilya AB3PJ received 19 votes

15. Installation Of Officers

was motioned by someone in the audience. The gavel was turned over to acting chairman Jim Knox N5NWC, who closed the meeting.

16. Meeting Adjourned approximately 1630 EDT

Log Number 3340 Revised and Approved at the Special November 17, 2012 meeting.

MTA as revised: __W3BC_____ 2nd: __N8PSU_____ Approved: YES Unanimous_____

Respectfully submitted by former Secretary Paul AB3PJ, Final notes draft by Tom K3WS Secretary elect, and Elaine K3EMM appointed assistant secretary. Revised and Approved November 17, 2012

October 21, 2012 WPRC Meeting Roster, Butler PA:

Jeff Blake N8PSU Member
Jim Knox N5NWC Member
Alan Carnes N3FJU Temporary Rep
Doug Rowles W3DWR Temporary Rep
Brian Fornwalt N3ZQY Secondary Rep
Jeff Rowles KA3FHV Temporary Rep
Jim Hartzell WA3UQD Guest (new membership app)
Ken Johnson N3OVP Guest
Robert James KB3USW Temporary Rep
Joe Shupienis W3BC Secondary
Rep Kevin Custer WJ8G Member
Joe McElhaney KR3P Member
Robert Korbar N3MWD Secondary Rep
Elaine Bailey K3EMM Member
M. Scott Zimmerman N3XCC Member
Elisha Zimmerman KB9WCX Temporary Rep
Paul Bidzilya AB3PJ Member
Paul Plants W3PLP Member
Frank Bobro N3FB Member
Chuck Gessner W3ON Member
Stephen Zelenko N3ZX Temporary Rep
Gary Chisholm WA3NSM Member
Tom Orzetti WB3IGM Member
Elmer Plants N3TIR Member

Sam Mayberry W3CYO Member
Dennis Presky K3PSP Guest
Patty Marshall N3XAR Member
Andrew Pato WA3PBD Guest
Susan Pato KB3CNN Guest
Cynthia Rushton WB3CNJ Member
Greg Jeffers N3FYD Member
James J. Cihon K3TLP Member
John R. McCaskey N3CUP Secondary Rep
Doug Smith N3COW Member
Mike Errigo WB3EQW Member
William E. Kristoff, Jr. N3BPB Member
Lori Bobro KB3GMU Guest
David Crise N3GPM Member
Charles Johnson N3ETV Member
Jim Klingensmith N3ZJM Member
Larry Bertoncello KA3HUK Guest
Terry Carlson W3GFD Temporary Rep
Gerald L. Bozak WD3D Temporary Rep
Barry Troutman N3TNA Member
Tom Cooney, Jr. W3SF Member
Tom Brew K3WS Member
Judy Orzetti KA3EAT Guest
Brian Burton KB3ORS Member
Jack Brew Guest

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