

Minutes of the Western Pennsylvania Repeater Council

The meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Repeater Council called to order on April 27, 2025, at 1:00 PM by the chairperson WA3UFN, at Hoss's Restaurant located at Grove City, PA.

Attendance: 16 Members and Guest

REPORTS OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Secretary Report: The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Motion to accept AC3DB, seconded by WA3PYU - Motion Carried

Treasurer Report: Beginning balance January 1, 2024 \$7370.71 - Ending balance December 31, 2024, \$6949.281 There were only three expenses two lunches and a webhosting payment. Paul then announce that the bank move has been complete after much work. - Motion to accept KM3P, seconded by AC3DB - Motion Carried

Chairperson Report: PayPal this the next item to be put in service. Working on getting a transaction to go through so that it can be put online. Once that is confirmed the HTML coding will be added to the website. Hopefully the move of the website to Pair Hosting will be completed soon.

Frequency Coordinator Report:

The coordinator reminded the meeting that all correspondence be address to wprc@wprcinfo.org do not send it to the FC email address or to his personal email address. All correspondence must be documented with a sequence number.

Surveys have been delayed due to getting the data off our old database he is hoping to get this all done before Dayton. He is reminding us that we will need the exact location of the repeater location. The nearest address can be off by miles at time. It is highly recommended that you use a GPS device on your smart phone to get the Lat & Long of the repeater. If the tower has an ASR FCC Tower number, please include that in your surveys. He prefers that the GPS data is using WGS84 data format. It has been a task trying to get the information from

the council old records which have been stored in a bin that has over 40 pounds of paper in it.

The Frequency Coordinator also requesting those that are using a “voting system” please share that information since all control link frequencies need to be coordinated. This information will be requested in the new survey. For all links we need to know the path both the source and destination locations. We also need to know of any waivers that your repeaters might have both granted and received.

It was brought up that there are still a lot of repeaters that are off the air. The council need to know that information as soon as possible so we can follow up with the trustee to see what is going on with their repeater.

A question was asked about experimental frequencies. We need to complete the survey to find a frequency that we can set up for experimental and/or portable repeater operations.

Great discussion over what to do with the results of the survey and how to handle no responds. Below is the timeline for how no responses to the survey will be handled.

- A survey will be emailed to the primary trustee.
- If the email bounces, then a second email will be sent out to the backup trustee and the repeater sponsor.
- In 30 days, if we have not heard back from the repeater trustee a certified letter will be mailed to the primary trustee and the repeater sponsor.
- If in another 30 days, there is still no contact with the repeater trustees or their sponsor then the repeater coordination will be removed.
- If the repeater is off the air the council will be willing to work with the trustee to see when it will be restored to service. Normally there is a 6-month timeline for repeaters to get back in service.

It was mentioned that any one with a repeater near the “Line A” along the Canadian border should stay off any frequencies in the 420 MHz part of the band. There are no ATV repeaters or links frequencies at the bottom of the 70cm band per the FCC rules.

OLD BUSINESS:

PayPal will be closed to being completed. The Western Pennsylvania Repeater Council has the logo on its website, and it has never been made official. A motion was made by KE3JP and second by AC3DB to accept the shown logo as the official logo of WPRC. The vote was approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

A great discussion was made over no responds to survey and off-the-air repeaters. See above for the results of the discussion. It was decided that the next meeting will be on July 20, 2025, and the location will be at Somerset Hamfest.

Good of the Council:

None

Meeting adjourned 2:25 PM

Respectively submitted by:

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