Florida Repeater Council Meeting Minutes Melbourne Hamfest Saturday October 9, 2010

## Open Meeting commenced at 15:08

- 1. President's opening announcements
- 2. D1 KC2CNC speaking for N2GKG 145.170 application for Key West and for AE4EQ 443.925 in Miami hearing 443.925 in Riviera Beach. President informed everyone the DBM will have all updated done by early December. Both 443.925 repeaters are using 110.9. Suggested Miami repeater change to another tone and users Tone Squelch their equipment. These repeaters are within their respective mileage boundaries
- 3. D2 KI4JRT inquired why his repeater approval was for only one year. Secretary notified him that this was a Conditional approval. He will become a permanent 2 year approval when he renews before December.
- 4. W4AQR inquired if the FRC could produce a list of radios that are 7.5 kHz capable. The FRC is not capable of producing that list.
- 5. N8RH requested the FRC provide a document outlining what the replacement costs would be for affected repeater owners in Florida to switch to narrow band. N8RH advised to read the suggested narrow band coordination spec publish on the FRC website that outlines that there would be no need to wideband repeaters to be replaced. The FRC cannot provide the replacement cost document.
- 6. WA4AQV suggested that we require repeater owners to use down tilt antennas with the purpose of limiting coverage. FRC is of the opinion that this would be an unreasonable requirement that is out of the capabilities of most trustees.
- 7. President called for additional comments. Nothing heard.

## Open Meeting Adjourned at 15:41 Board Meeting Commenced at 15:44

- 1. Roll Call- D1, D5, D6 and Frequency Coordinator/Treasurer/DMB absent.
- 2. Secretary's reading of previous minutes accepted.
- 3. No Treasury Report.
- 4. No Database Manager Report
- 5. Director Reports
  - D1 Absent
  - D2 No open issues.
  - D3 Director Reappointment.

Chris Weldon leaving for Texas due to job change. President appointed Ray N3EH to take Chris's place until the Orlando election.

- D4 No open issues.
- D5 Absent.
- D6 Absent.
- D7 No open issues.
- D8 -. No open issues.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

6. President to select Annual Meeting location.

Need 2 to 3 hours or more. Frank to ask for time slot in Hall around 4pm on Saturday or earlier.

Voted and passed to hold a Business and BOD meeting at the

**Tampa Hamfest on 12/4.** Mike to arrange for earlier start time to allow 3 to 4 hours.

7. Status on FADCA meeting to solidify FADCA Rep duties.

FADCA Rep not in meeting earlier. Tabled for the second time.

8. D6 to write a procedure outlining how we are to deal with uncoordinated and or non-renewed coordination's. D4 stated that policy was updated to say we would recognize existing repeaters even if uncoordinated. D6 will write additional procedure to deal with uncoordinated repeaters. Will have ready in 30 days.

Status unchanged from Orlando meeting. Tabled.

9. D4 update on automating renewal process. D4 waiting on DBM input. No progress. Need to work with Dana. Tabled.

Motion passed for Dana to provide unlocked copy of database to Chuck W4CLL. Chuck to begin work on moving to on line and the automation of renewal process.

10. D4 to resubmit new 2M re-farming proposal that will have a lesser impact on current repeaters. Digital modes i.e. APCO25, D-STAR and their narrow band requirement to be included. Motion passed to put Option 1 on website for comments. Mike to send word file to Dana. Mark to check adjacent channel issues to update proposal. Need comment box on web or central mailbox.

Mike to change separation wide to narrow from 35 to 50 miles and to extend effectives dates further into the future.

Mike to summarize comments received from web and to send to

Agreed we would vote on narrow band proposal at Orlando.

11. Discussion by Chris to do a virtual meeting over VOIP. Mark states meeting must be open to general public unless it's a workshop. Ray suggests we try it.

Decided that meetings need to be held in open forum.

12. D6 to provide new PL policy to Dana to be updated on web. Tabled. D6 not at meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

13. D2 proposes the adoption of the attached document that converts the standard Analog CTCSS tone to the APCO25 NAC. We can either adopt it in its entirety or identify the individual tones as noted in the CTCSS portion of our website.

Motion passed to adopt the NAC/PL document.

14. President requests for a frequency change from the ATV group operating in Brevard County. It seems the frequency they are coordinated on is TOO Close to the ROCKET DESTRUCT frequency used by NASA and they (NASA) have requested the change. The other ATV group has relinquished the frequency and it is just a matter of approval (as far as I know). It's been a little awkward to turn off the ATV repeater for a rocket launch since it usually sends the video feed from NASA for a great public service to this area. I would like to get this done for the ATV group as well as NASA.

Motion passed to approve frequency change from 421.500 to 427.250

Secretary to send email to trustee with the approval.

Board Meeting Adjourned at 16:19.

Minutes Submitted by: Marshall Paisner, Secretary FRC