

**Florida Repeater Council
Meeting Minutes
Melbourne Hamfest
Saturday October 10, 2015**

Open Meeting commenced at 14:08

1. President's opening announcements. Explanation of Open Forum procedures and Board of Director's Business Meeting.
2. W1RP Ft Myers 12 repeater group. Issue is W1RP wants to renew all 12 repeaters but he is Trustee of only 2. Club is Holder of all repeaters. We requested a letter from the current Repeater Board (at least 2 officers) stating W1RP can renew the coordinations. Dana has already renewed the coordinations.
3. President called for additional comments. Nothing heard.

Open Meeting Adjourned at 14:17

Board Meeting Called to Order at 14:18

1. President's opening remarks. Over 1,300 repeaters. New procedures to be discussed.
2. D6 and Database Manager/Treasurer/Coordinator absent.
3. Secretary's reading of previous minutes accepted.
4. Treasury Report (given by Secretary)- As of 10/7/2015, \$9,026.30 in checking and \$3,458.80 in PayPal for a total of \$ 12,550.72
5. Database Manager/Coordinator Report (given by Secretary)
10-7-15 update now 1,363 records. Backlog of 67 applications. ARRL database is offline. We will modify our database to conform with the new ARRL format, submit a test file, then provide a snapshot of the FRC database by December 1. Updated listings on line as of 8-10-15. Indicated on line notice that submittals received after 9-30-15 are still in work (5 pending). Have more than 154 repeaters past revocation date that need to be de-coordinated. Need the Directors to review and decide on revocation.
6. Director Reports
D1 - None.
D3 - Issue with missed renewal. Got copy from Secretary and processed.
D4 - Issue with DMARC listed repeater going on air without coordination. 444.975 repeater was sold to him. No request for coordination was filed. This is a potential potential temporary repeater.
N2DB 443.300 coordination to be approved with a 6 month conditional coordination. Motion passed.
D5 - None.
D6 - Absent.
D7 - Issues with applications not showing District. Secretary forwarding application to the correct director. .
D8 - 444.450 and D7 147.060 FUSION coordinations. According to Dana this will not be given to the ARRL for their database. Secretary to ask ARRL for status on FUSION listings. Motion "If we do not have a FUSION listing code by December 1st, list FUSION repeaters as analog". Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. D4 Allocation of 5 UHF Emergency itinerant repeater pairs for temporary use at disaster sites or drills. < 100' < 50 watt ERP Require letter from county EM? NPSPAC for UHF ham frequencies. Still looking for pairs. Will be by district. Tabled for Orlando. See Addendum 1 for discussion.
Use 156.7 or 203.5 for PL (Not 100.0)
Add "During Emergency Response Drills" to duration.
Link frequencies specified interfere with AC4XQ Miami. 725 & 750.
D8 move to table with changes. Tabled.
Asked Directors to find up to 2 UHF frequencies per District in addition to a few frequencies for use as Backyard Repeaters. Directors asked to have by Orlando.

2. Coordinator asks Directors to write position description.
Secretary to submit at Melbourne.
Submitted, reviewed and motion to approve "as is" passed.
3. Status of real time database access for Directors.
Tabled to Orlando. President to talk to IT resource. D4 motion to give President Authority to attain new website. Motion passed.
Tabled to Next Meeting. Passed.
Motion to table to Orlando. Denied
D7 motioned using a workshop/board meeting at December Tampa Hamfest to work on database proposals. Motion passed.
4. Continuation of ARRL Contract
Submitted by D4 Mike for discussion:
It appears that the ARRL online system requires a considerable amount of time to essentially "Double Post" every entry in our data base. We need to decide if this is cost effective for the FRC and if so, how we can take that job off of the coordinator/committee. This has been reported to be causing major delays in the processing of applications. There is already limited volunteer time and to create such a continuous workload so another organization can provide an online service does not seem prudent for FRC under the current contract structure
D7 stated SERA DBM offered to share how they did an automated daily update for the ARRL from their Sequel database. Chuck to look into using other State's systems.
Moved to table until Melbourne.
Motion to amend contract. Motion passed.
5. Application Processing Procedures - Timeline
Submitted by D4 Mike:
We should adopt a policy that a properly applied application shall be processed by FRC within 30 days except where additional submittals or out of state coordination is required.
Tabled until Melbourne.
This is dependent on our database update. Tabled until Orlando.
6. Bylaw Changes Proposed by D4 Mike.
Section 3.1, Section 3.2, Section 3.3, Section 3.4, Section 3.7d, Section 3.8, Section 4.3, Section 5.4b, Section 5.4c, Section 5.4e, Section 5.4f, Section 6.2, Section 6.2b, Section 6.2c, Section 6.4a, Section 6.5, Section 7.1a, Section 7.1b, Section 7.2a, Section 10.1, Section 11.1.
Motion to put on ballot for Melbourne passed.
Motion to adopt as amended. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Remotely Controlled Repeaters. (example SARNET)
How are these repeaters controlled if the link goes down? Is this a concern of the FRC?
Motion to update section 16D of our policies and procedures as follows. Motion passed.

"16 D. Other than the prohibition of carrier squelch, the method of control of a repeater by the trustee shall be in compliance with FCC Part 97 and will not be considered by the FRC."
2. ARRL Coordination Reporting Update
Steve Ford's response to our amended agreement.
Reviewed.
3. Chuck's Database Update
Chuck found that some other coordinators were using Microsoft products which are expensive. Chuck will use LINUX based products which are open source and no cost.

4. Status of De-Coordinations (Secretary reporting for DB Manager).
7 pages of expired repeaters. Asked Directors to review list and get back to Secretary by Oct 30th with those repeaters that should not be de-coordinated. Secretary to ask DB Manager to update database so we can pull an up to date list. D8 stated that all of the D8 expired coordinations will renew. WX4L D6 has just renewed.
5. How Do We Allow Out Of State Trustee's? (Chuck).
Chuck has reservations about assigning a coordination to a Trustee who is out of state. Current issue with D4 and DMR. Decided to manage on a case by case basis.

The following were added to New Business during the meeting.

6. D5 Email Bouncing.
D8 supplied bounce message to D5 Directors for their review. Ralph to check his server.
7. President to Appoint Nominating Committee for Secretary, Treasurer, VP positions and for Director positions expiring at next meeting.
Tabled to Orlando. President to talk to IT resource. D4 motion to give President authority to attain new website. Motion passed. D4 Mike, D3 Steve, D7 Doug are the Committee.
8. Status of Coordinating Committee.
D3 Steve and D7 Doug and Coordinator on committee. D3 asked for one more member. D4 Chuck and D1 Marshall added to committee. D3 Steve to chair. Committee will provide draft of procedures by Tampa (Dec 12).
9. D4 Vote to De-Coordinate W4BMC 146.790.
Motion passed. Secretary will start de-coordination process.

Board Meeting Adjourned 15:39

Minutes Submitted by: Marshall Paisner-K4MAP, Secretary FRC