

Minnesota Repeater Council



Spring 2006 Newsletter

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Chairman's Message:

I'd like to thank the members of the MRC for choosing me to serve as its chairman. I hope that you'll be happy with your choice.

In my view, my job is simple. It boils down to two things: Pick a good frequency coordinator, and then give him what he needs to get the job done. The first one was easy. We already have a good coordinator in Jerry Dorf, and I'm happy that I didn't have to go looking for someone else. Jerry has my complete support.

The second one isn't quite so simple, since it isn't something you can just do and then forget. It takes work, and money, and support, to do frequency coordination. All of these go together. Publishing the newsletter takes work. Mailing out coordination renewals takes work. Processing them when they come back (you DID send yours back in, didn't you?) it takes work. It's not a full-time job, but it's not something one guy can do in 30 minutes, either.

The main source of money for the MRC is membership dues. Yes, we get paid by the ARRL for data for the Repeater Directory, but that's not all that much. Your dues carry the load, and don't think for a moment that they're not needed or appreciated.

This ties in with the third requirement, support. Your continued membership, obviously, is a big part of that. There's more, though. We need people to support the MRC by coming to meetings, especially the ones outside the Twin Cities metropolitan area. We also need people from outside the metro area to come to meetings there.

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The Spring MRC Meeting will be held
Saturday
April 29, 2006
at
American Legion
Post 11

222 E Walnut
Mankato MN 55109

Registration 12:00 PM
Call to order 1:00 PM

A map and directions are provided on page 2

Pizza & pop will be provided, however a donation is encouraged!

It is important that if your not going to attend the meeting to give your proxy vote to someone who can attend.

This can be another club member or any licensed amateur, it does not have to be a MRC member.

Contacting the MRC Secretary & Coordinator!

I have a full time job, so if you wish to contact me by phone, it is best to try 6-9PM in the evenings except Wednesdays.

Sending registered mail is going to delay my receiving the correspondence, this also requires my leaving work early or going to the post office on a Saturday morning.

I normally read and respond to email on a daily basis, this is preferred if I need to research something or for simple questions.

Repeater Updates and frequency applications must be mailed or faxed. I will provide my FAX number upon request. You may also scan your documents and email the document.

You may use email to notify us of operational changes to your repeater like its now on the air or will be off the air for a period of time.

Proxy forms can be mailed or faxed, emailed scans are acceptable, however just a proxy statement is not..

Thanks

Jerry

MRC Resources on the Internet

MRC Webpage <http://www.mrc.gen.mn.us>

MRC Mailing list:

This mailing list is for announcements and general discussion of MRC events, policy and operations. Currently it is un-moderated and open to all. Sign up at:

<http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/mrc>

Don't forget to change your email program to "plain text" before you try to send anything. Messages with HTML or other fancy print will come through blank if you don't make the change.... Also do not include attachments!

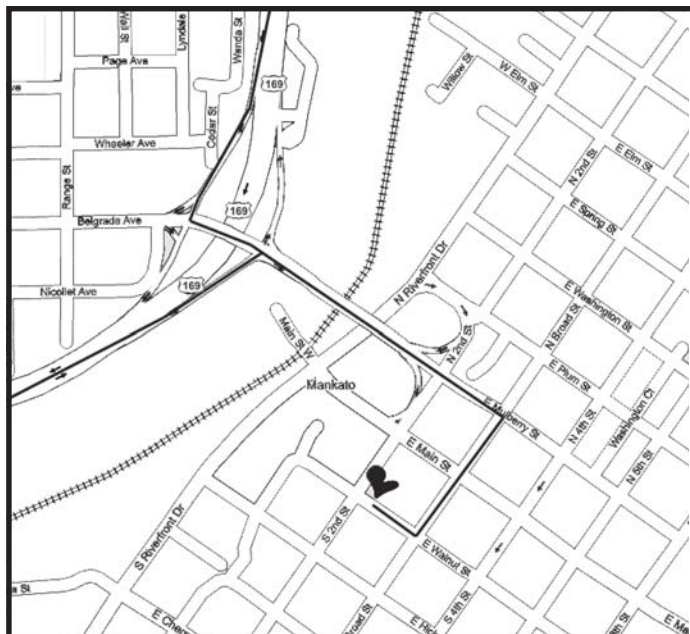
One thing I intend to do is see that the spring meeting is moved around the state so folks who don't normally come can try to make it. I'm willing to drive from Fairmont to Duluth or Brainerd or Moorhead to make sure that the MRC is an organization for all of Minnesota. I hope you folks are, too.

Another part of supporting the MRC is simply working with us as we do our jobs. Please don't think that you can throw up a repeater without getting it coordinated just because you're off away from big concentrations of hams. We try hard to turn around requests quickly, and will work with you to come up with answers that satisfy everyone to the best of our ability. Sometimes that doesn't mean that we can give you a pair right away. We don't like that any more than you do. Our job, after all, is coordinating systems.

Enough of my rambling. If I can help you with anything about the MRC, my phone numbers and email address are published on the web site and in this newsletter. Please feel free to use them.

Thanks again and 73...Jay, K5ZC

American Legion Post 11 222 E Walnut Mankato MN



Directions: From either direction on US 169, take the Downtown Mankato exit. Cross the river on the bridge. Turn right on North Broad Street, go two blocks, then turn right again on East Walnut Street. The American Legion hall will be on the right. Park anywhere except the small parking lot directly across East Walnut Street from the building.

Secretary, Treasurers & Coordinators Notes

Coordination has been going well.

Communications with our neighbors has been speedy! In fact most of the new coordination's and moves have been completed within 3-4 days from receiving a completed application to a coordination being issued. WAR has been easy to work with over the last 6 months. The new Canadian coordinator along with North Dakota have been busy with getting new databases setup. Iowa has been quiet, however nothing has been sent in that direction. I have made contact with the Nebraska coordinator and received a copy of their data for a possible system in extreme southwest area of the state.

The annual update process along with the ARRL submission has been completed without to many problems. There are still several systems that have not completed a update and are eligible for de-coordination.

Be honest and up front with what you report and how you report it! If you're honest and up front with me, I will work with you. I have a update from a trustee with several pending systems that I know are not on the air, however he as has returned the updates as being on the air, how do we want to deal with these?

There is a trustee who is a time traveler; he signed the update as August 15 prior to my mailing them out around 31st however the postmark shows a late November return date.

I have deleted several 220 MHz proposed repeaters that have not been placed on the air nor returned an update for over 2 years now.

We still have a large amount of database entries that have just a Lat/Lon with degrees and minutes that date back long before the days of GPS receivers. New Coordination request searches are based on the lat/lon data, not the city name. When I update a repeater I attempt to verify this data. This fall when I updated the UofM radio clubs repeater I found the database location was almost 7 miles off. If you do not update or verify your data and a new system gets placed on the air there is only one person to blame and it's not the coordinator.

The ARRL repeater directory's note field is limited to 8 characters so publishing any internet linking notes at this time is not practical.

I plan on mailing out the 2006 updates in late August again as in the past. I can and will update your information at any time as needed. I can provide a copy of your data at any time as needed. It's much easier to do the updates as they come in rather than waiting till there is a large number of them to do all at one time!

Nothing significant occurring within the secretarial or treasurers job at this time, both reports follow.

73's

Jerry Dorf, N0FWG
Secretary Treasurer
Frequency Coordinator

OLD Records

| | | | |
|--------------|---------|--------|----------|
| Eden Prairie | 146.880 | WA0VLL | 10/04/03 |
| Rosevelt | 147.000 | N0LAH | 9/12/03 |
| Wannask | 147.090 | N0LAH | 9/12/03 |
| Warroad | 443.000 | N0MHO | 9/12/03 |
| Warroad | 443.700 | N0LAH | 9/12/03 |

New Cordinations & Changes

| | | | |
|-----------------|--------|---------|----------------|
| FOREST LAKE | KC0IOC | Link | K0TWG & KC0IOC |
| MIKE GRENIER | KC0IOC | MET | 11/10/2005 |
| COLUMBIA HTS | WB0BWL | Link | MNLINK |
| REUBEN RUEN | WB0BWL | MET | 11/19/2005 |
| COLUMBIA HTS | WB0BWL | Link | MNLINK |
| REUBEN RUEN | WB0BWL | MET | 11/19/2005 |
| ST PAUL | N0JAL | 147.180 | N0JAL |
| SAI SIMONSON | N0JAL | MET | 12/15/2005 |
| TWO HARBORS | WB0DGK | 147.270 | LSAC |
| PATRICK WILMERS | KB0QYC | NE | 1/28/2006 |
| GIESE | KB0QYC | 146.865 | LSAC |
| PATRICK WILMERS | KB0QYC | NE | 1/30/2006 |

Waiting List

| | | | |
|--------------|--------|----------|-----------|
| Brad Ornes | KA0SQO | 2-meters | Cambridge |
| Greg Kitchak | N0GEF | 2-meters | Crown |

Minutes of the Minnesota Repeater Council

Fall meeting held On October 22, 2005
North St. Paul Community Center

Call to order by chairman Steve Glatzel, K0FHC at 2:05PM

Introduction officers & members made.

Quorum established with a total of 85 members in good standing on the roster, 30 in attendance, 14 non-metro at the start of the meeting.

Chairman's Report: Things running smoothly.

Frequency coordinator: Jerry Dorf

Reports presented to membership in the newsletter & handout.

Apology to Dave Karr for comments made in the Fall news letter over not responding to notice of pending coordination's.

Site Lat/ Lon needs to be checked and updated on the update forms.

Secretary & Treasurer's report: Jerry Dorf, N0FWG

Reports presented to membership in the newsletter & handout.

No motion was made to accept report, nor was there any objections.

Technical Committee: Not present

New Members:

Jon Peterson, WA0UNB Regular membership
Patrick Wilmers, KB0QYC Regular Membership
Tom Beske, KC0QPV Associate Membership
Dave Fisher, Regular Membership

Changes to membership

Roger Vacek, W0DEU Change from regular to Associate Member status

Motion made to accept all the membership applications and changes, seconded. Motion passed

Old Business:

900 & 1.2GHz band plan is up in the air, need to make a channel band plan. Dan Swee was elected to head up the committee in the past. Doug Reed & Paul Emeott will work on creating the plan and report back.

New Business:

Investigate publishing echo link & other internet linking node ID's in repeater directory & other lists.

Discussed the possibility of creating a "board" that would be elected for 2-3 year terms.

Motion made to create a board of officers, discussion ensued, Informal vote taken to leave things as is, and this prevailed. Motion died due to lack of a second.

Motion made to make a \$100 donation to QSL.net for hosting the MRC email reflector, motion seconded and passed.

Spring Meeting: Non-Metro location.

Jay Maynard has looked into several locations most promising was Mankato State University. However there are several issues with catering & insurance. Offer to hold it at a repeater site in Little Falls was made. No definite location was chosen; it was left up to the board to locate a suitable facility for next April.

The board will seek suggestions from the membership.

Elections:

The chairman appointed Rodger Williams, N0BRG to head the election committee. 2 Volunteers assisted in the election.

Nominations were opened, then closed.

Motion for unanimous ballot for vice chair & Secretary Treasurer. Seconded and passed.

Each candidate was given the opportunity to speak.

Election for chairman was made by secret ballot.

Election results are as follows:

| Office | Candidate | Votes received |
|---------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Chairman: | Jay Maynard, K5ZC | 29 |
| | Matt Genelin, N0YNT | 5 |
| Vice Chairman | Steve Glatzel, K0FHC | No other candidates |
| Sec-Treas | Jerry Dorf, N0FWG | No other candidates |

Motion was made to destroy the ballots, seconded & passed.

Motion to adjourn made by Matt Genelin, Seconded by Don Rice. Motion passed

Meeting Adjourned at 3:35 PM

Jerry Dorf, N0FWG
Secretary Treasurer
Minnesota Repeater Council, Inc

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Minnesota Repeater Council Checking Account

Report as of Feb 25, 2006

| Date | Type | Description | Debit | Credit | Balance | Comments |
|------------|------|---------------------------------|----------|---------|------------|--------------------------------------|
| 7/16/2005 | 2047 | Jerry Dorf | \$18.32 | | \$4,229.72 | Gas for WAR meeting |
| 7/19/2005 | Dep | RONALD GEPPERT/MARC | | \$5.00 | \$4,234.72 | PARTIAL DUES 2005 |
| 8/3/2005 | DEP | Wally Erikson | | \$5.00 | \$4,239.72 | Dues 2005 |
| | | Patrick Wilmers | | \$25.00 | \$4,264.72 | Dues 2007 |
| 8/6/2005 | 2048 | Postmaster | \$156.20 | | \$4,108.52 | Postage Updates, newsletter& general |
| 8/10/2005 | Dep | Robert Stark, Sr | | \$30.00 | \$4,138.52 | Dues & newsletter 2007 |
| 8/22/2005 | DEP | Dean Boelter | | \$10.00 | \$4,148.52 | Dues 2007 |
| 8/24/2005 | 2049 | Custom Business Forms | \$85.64 | | \$4,062.88 | Newsletter |
| 8/30/2005 | DEP | SHERBURNE COUNTY REPEATER GUILD | | \$10.00 | \$4,072.88 | NORPP DUES 2006 |
| | | SHERBURNE COUNTY REPEATER GUILD | | \$10.00 | \$4,082.88 | KGOUY DUES 2006 |
| | | SHERBURNE COUNTY REPEATER GUILD | | \$20.00 | \$4,102.88 | NODJH DUES 2007 |
| 9/8/2005 | DEP | TIM BESKE KC0QPV | | \$5.00 | \$4,107.88 | ASC DUES 2006 |
| 9/17/2005 | DEP | FRED PFEIFFER | | \$30.00 | \$4,137.88 | DUES 2008 |
| | | SAI SIMONSON | | \$10.00 | \$4,147.88 | DUES 2006 |
| | | Jeff Clarine | | \$10.00 | \$4,157.88 | DUES 2006 |
| 9/21/2005 | DEP | Steve Csizmadia | | \$10.00 | \$4,167.88 | Dues 2006 |
| 9/27/2005 | 2050 | Jay Maynard | \$69.00 | | \$4,098.88 | Fuel for IA meeting |
| 10/4/2005 | DEP | Jay Maynard | | \$20.00 | \$4,118.88 | Dues 2007 |
| | | Richard Neish | | \$10.00 | \$4,128.88 | Newsletter |
| 10/13/2005 | DEP | GORDON HANSON | | \$10.00 | \$4,138.88 | Dues 2006 |
| 10/18/2005 | DEP | Smarts Radio Club/Tom Carlson | | \$10.00 | \$4,148.88 | Dues 2007 |
| 10/20/2005 | DEP | TOMAS STRUM | | \$10.00 | \$4,158.88 | DUES 2006 |
| | | RON KITTELSON | | \$10.00 | \$4,168.88 | DUES 2006 |
| 10/22/2005 | 2051 | Paul Germscheid | \$36.58 | | \$4,132.30 | Pop & Ice |
| 10/22/2005 | 2052 | Dominos Piza | \$175.66 | | \$3,956.64 | Pizza for Fall Meeting |
| 10/22/2005 | 2053 | QSL-Net | \$100.00 | | \$3,856.64 | Donation |
| 10/24/2005 | DEP | Norman D Yeutter | | \$10.00 | \$3,866.64 | DUES TO 2006 |
| | | REUBEN RUEN | | \$20.00 | \$3,886.64 | DUES TO 2006 |
| | | ERIC OSTERBERG | | \$50.00 | \$3,936.64 | DUES TO 2009 |
| | | MARGARET JORDAN | | \$20.00 | \$3,956.64 | DUES TO 2006 |
| | | HAROLD CLOUGH via M.JORDAN | | \$20.00 | \$3,976.64 | DUES TO 2006 |
| | | Michael Grenier | | \$20.00 | \$3,996.64 | DUES TO 2007 |
| | | DAVID FISHER | | \$10.00 | \$4,006.64 | DUES TO 2005 |
| | | PIZZA & POP DONATION | | \$57.60 | \$4,064.24 | |
| 11/9/2005 | DEP | Mary Nystrom/Austin ARC | | \$10.00 | \$4,074.24 | DUES 2006 |
| 11/21/2005 | DEP | DAVID KLEINDL | | \$20.00 | \$4,094.24 | DUES 2006 |
| 12/3/2005 | DEP | TERRY Johnson | | \$25.00 | \$4,119.24 | Donation |
| 12/29/2006 | DEP | Jon Peterson | | \$10.00 | \$4,129.24 | Dues 2006 |
| 1/28/2006 | DEP | CHRIS HUDGINS | | \$10.00 | \$4,139.24 | Dues 2007 |
| 2/16/2006 | DEP | Michael Paskeuric | | \$20.00 | \$4,159.24 | DUES 2007 |

Notes:

1. New & pending memberships checks have been deposited to avoid the past "Stale Check" problems.
2. The date in the comment field shows dues paid to the end of that year.

Minnesota Repeater Council

Membership and Renewal application form

Name of organization or individual sponsor: _____

Repeater Call: _____ Frequency(s): _____

Repeater Location(s): _____

Trustee information (MRC Main Contact).

Trustee Callsign: _____ Name: _____

Phone: _____ Address: _____

Email: _____ City: _____

Other: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Club or alternate contact/mailing address.

Callsign: _____ Name: _____

Phone: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Type of Application: Renewal New membership Trustee Change Database Update

- Regular Membership Dues \$10.00 year
Organization or individual who is operating a FCC licensed Amateur Repeater station on a frequency coordinated by the MRC. Has one vote at all meetings. Receives all mailings.
- Associate Member Dues \$ 5.00 year
Organization or individual with a active interest in constructing an Amateur Radio Repeater station or in the activities of the MRC. Can participate in the activities of the MRC but has no vote.
- Newsletter
Receives one copy of MRC newsletter for 1 year. Dues \$ 5.00
Or download for free from the MRC webpage

Signed: Repeater Trustee/Regular Member

Date: _____

Mail all Applications and dues to:
Minnesota Repeater Council
Jerry Dorf, N0FWG Secretary/Treasurer
1402 Pulaski Road
Buffalo MN 55313
763-682-2169 Voice 952-473-5819 Fax
jerryd@jerryd.net

of years Paid: _____

Total Amount: _____

Check #: _____

Name on Check: _____

Other Info: _____

Membership Approval Granted: _____ Date: _____

Dues Paid for: 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018

Agenda
Minnesota Repeater Council General meeting
Spring 2006

I. Call to order 1:00 PM

- A. Welcome
- B. Establish quorum
- C. Introduction of officers and members
- D. Review Agenda

II. Reports

- A. Chairman
- B. Secretary & treasurer report, N0FWG
- C. Frequency coordinators report, N0FWG
- D. Technical Committee

III Individual Announcements

- A.

IV. Applications for membership

- A. CHRIS HUDGINS, N5IUF Associate membership
- B.

V. Old business.

- A. Channelized 900MHz & 1.2G band plan chart
- B. IRLP and Echolink listings in ARRL Directory
- C.

VI. New business

- A.
- B.
- C.

VII. Fall Meeting, Metro location

VIII. Election of Officers

VIII. Adjournment

Delegate Registration (Proxy) Form

Regular member: _____

Repeater Call: _____ Frequency: _____

Trustee: Call: _____ Name: _____

A regular member is an organization or individual that is the Trustee of record for an operating repeater in the MRC frequency coordination database with MRC membership dues paid in full at the start of the meeting.

Primary Delegate Call: _____ Name: _____

Alternate Delegate #1 Call: _____ Name: _____

Alternate Delegate #2 Call: _____ Name: _____

Restrict voting privileges: If you wish to be registered for purposes of counting attendance, but do not want your assigned delegate to have voting privileges, check here

Duration of Proxy: Check here to allow this proxy to be used at future MRC meetings. This proxy may be altered or revoked at any time by the regular member. Check here to restrict voting to current meeting.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Regular Member (Trustee)

Please mail this proxy to the Secretary at least one week prior to the meeting. Advance registration is appreciated.