



Minnesota Repeater Council

Fall 2017 Newsletter

Founding Member: National Frequency Coordination Council

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THE Fall MRC

MEETING

Will be held

Saturday

October 28, 2017

at

Chanhassen Library
7711 Kerner Blvd
Chanhassen MN 55317

Registration 12:30
Call to order 1:00PM

If you have questions regarding your repeater coordination or membership please email or ask before the meeting date!

It is important that if your not going to attend the meeting to proxy your 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.

Chairman's corner

Another year, another Repeater Directory change. This time, the news is that the ARRL has completely terminated its agreement with the coordinators to reimburse us for including listings in the Repeater Directory. They have left it up to us to negotiate with RFinder.

Vice Chairman Ben Franske, KØBEN, is leading a committee to decide under what terms we will publish our data in the RFinder database and directory. As things stand now, unless the membership decides something different, we will not provide RFinder our data at all. Ben's committee is tasked to make recommendations on what to provide and how the data is to be managed, and report at the fall meeting.

The entire RFinder saga has been a nuisance for all concerned. I believe that, while the League needed to make a change - the Repeater Directory has gone from being a cash cow to a major financial drain - they did it in less than a good manner. That's water under the bridge now; the decisions have been made, and the League seems to have washed its hands of the whole thing.

Over the past several years, there have been some decisions the League has made that show their lack of understanding of the coordination community and VHF/UHF-FM in general.

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The recent announcement that Kent Olson, KA0LDG, is retiring as Director at the end of his term got me to thinking: if I think the League should do things differently, isn't it my job to pitch in and help?

I'm running for election to the post of Vice Director for the Dakota Division because I think it is. I've spent a fair amount of time and effort on telling the League how I think it should be run, so it's time to put my money where my mouth is, so to speak.

The election will run through November 17, after our fall meeting. Should someone else be elected as Vice Director, it is my intention to continue to serve as the MRC Chairman, if the members wish me to. Should I be elected to both positions, I will resign as MRC Chairman so I can serve properly as Vice Director.

I hope to see you in Chanhassen.

Till then,

73...Jay

Secretary, Treasurers & Coordinators Notes

Coordination activity has been routine with no major challenges. UHF pairs in the metro are slowly filling up with digital, as such we need to work on getting a narrowband plan in place with the option for current repeaters to shift frequencies to allow for additional systems.

No contribution has been made to ARRL spectrum defense fund due to changes with the repeater directory.

At the August Wisconsin Association of Repeater meeting they proposed seeking additional volunteers to assist Dave Karr with the coordination process. This should help with cross boarder coordination issues. They are making other organizational changes to bylaws along with streamlining there organization.

Approximately 183 update forms were mailed the last week of August, currently 62 have been returned as complete. 4 Have been returned by the post office as undeliverable.

At the fall meeting we will hold elections for officers, I will continue to serve if elected.

73's

Jerry Dorf, N0FWG

MRC Resources on the Internet

MRC Webpage <http://www.mnrepeaters.org>
<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://eight.pairlist.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!

Minutes of the Minnesota Repeater Council

Spring meeting held On May 5, 2017
Duluth Superior Hamfest, Superior WI

Call to order by Chairman Jay Maynard at 1:00PM

Quorum was met with a total of 54 members in good standing on the roster, 17 in attendance of which 7 are non-metro.

Introduction of members and officers made.

Chairman's Report: Jay Maynard K5ZC Discussion on RFinder and ARRL repeater directory

Secretary & Treasurer's report: Jerry Dorf N0FWG
Reports presented to membership in the newsletter, and handout.

Frequency coordinator: Jerry Dorf N0FWG
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Technical Committee: Alan Knutson WB0ZKB
Nothing to report

New Members:

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| James Kantor KC0ARX Reg | Mitch Ahrenstorff AD0HU Reg |
| William Martin KA1ITU Reg | Marty Cody N0NKC Reg |
| Donald Downs Jr N0AGX Reg | Raymond Barnes KE0ZN Reg |

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept all new members.

Old Business:

Coordination data committee: Nothing to report

UHF Link/band plan committee: Chairman appointed Matt Genelin N0YNT as alternate chair to work with Paul Emeott K0LAV as no report was made.

Great Regional Library donation. Jerry N0FWG will follow-up

New Business:

Future RFinder / ARRL data submission: Deferred to coordination data committee for a report at the fall meeting. Discussion included possible conditions on what data we would release and under what conditions.

Quorum requirements: Discussion on options for amending bylaws to make member that does not attend 1 meeting every 2 years to an inactive or associate member without a vote. The member could be restored by attending a regular meeting. It was discovered that we do not have a defined amendment process in the bylaws. Jay Maynard will follow-up

Spring Meeting: metro location, Chanhassen or Maple Grove

Meeting Adjourned at 1:51 PM

Jerry Dorf, N0FWG
Secretary Treasurer
Minnesota Repeater Council, Inc

Minnesota Repeater Council Checking Account

September 16, 2017

| Date | Type | Description | Debit | Credit | Balance | Comments |
|-----------|-------|----------------------|----------|---------|------------|-------------------------------|
| 3/10/2017 | DEP | William D Martin | | \$15.00 | \$8,589.89 | Reg Pending 2018 |
| | Debit | Postmaster | \$98.00 | | \$8,491.89 | Postage Spring News / general |
| 4/15/2017 | DEP | BRUCE WILLIAMS | | \$10.00 | \$8,501.89 | REG DUES 2018 |
| | DEP | Daniel Anderson | | \$10.00 | \$8,511.89 | REG DUES 2019 |
| 4/22/2017 | DEP | RICHARD NEISH | | \$10.00 | \$8,521.89 | ASC DUES 2028 |
| 5/1/2017 | DEP | TOM SVIHTEL | | \$10.00 | \$8,531.89 | REG DUES 2018 |
| | DEP | DONALD DOWNS JR | | \$10.00 | \$8,541.89 | REG DUES 2017 |
| | DEP | MARTY CODY | | \$20.00 | \$8,561.89 | REG DUES 2018 |
| 5/2/2017 | Debit | Office Depot | \$60.06 | | \$8,501.83 | Printer Paper |
| 5/4/2017 | DEP | Sean Stepanek | | \$20.00 | \$8,521.83 | REG DUES 2018 |
| 5/8/2017 | DEP | GREG KITCHAK | | \$20.00 | \$8,541.83 | REG DUES 2018 |
| | DEP | ALAN KNUTSON | | \$20.00 | \$8,561.83 | REG DUES 2018 |
| | DEP | RICHARD ROBERTS | | \$50.00 | \$8,611.83 | REG DUES 2022 |
| | DEP | DAN SHARTLE | | \$10.00 | \$8,621.83 | REG DUES 2017 |
| | DEP | GEORGE CHRISTOFERSON | | \$5.00 | \$8,626.83 | ASC DUES 2017 |
| 5/26/2017 | DEP | RAYMOND BARNES | | \$10.00 | \$8,636.83 | REG DUES 2017 |
| 5/26/2017 | DEP | CRAIG GOLDBRECK | | \$20.00 | \$8,656.83 | REG DUES 2018 |
| 6/10/2017 | DEP | Geoffry Ernst | | \$40.00 | \$8,696.83 | REG DUES 2020 |
| | DEP | CARL ESTEY | | \$60.00 | \$8,756.83 | REG PENDING 2023 |
| 7/24/2017 | Debit | Office Depot | \$17.15 | | \$8,739.68 | Envelopes |
| 7/28/2017 | Debit | Office Depot | \$32.17 | | \$8,707.51 | Envelopes |
| 8/2/2017 | Debit | Pair Networks | \$120.89 | | \$8,586.62 | Internet services |
| 8/5/2017 | Debit | Postmaster | \$147.00 | | \$8,439.62 | Postage |
| 9/14/2017 | DEP | Doug Nelson | | \$60.00 | \$8,499.62 | REG DUES 2022 |
| | DEP | DAVID WEGNER | | \$20.00 | \$8,519.62 | REG DUES 2019 |
| | DEP | Brady Palmquist | | \$20.00 | \$8,539.62 | REG PENDING 2019 |
| | DEP | MIKE LANGER | | \$20.00 | \$8,559.62 | REG DUES 2019 |

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.

Waiting list

| Name | Call | Group | Band Use | Location | Date |
|------|------|-------|----------|----------|------|
|------|------|-------|----------|----------|------|

Under review

New Coordinations

| Location | CALL | RPTOUT | Sponsor | Region | Date |
|-------------|--------|---------|----------------|--------|----------|
| LUVURNE | KD0MC | 147.105 | MURRAY CO ARC | SW | 07/23/17 |
| MINNETONKA | N0BVE | 442.475 | MHRA | MET | 06/01/17 |
| PAYNESVILLE | N0ANC | 444.625 | SHANNON RASSIE | CE | 06/01/17 |
| ST PAUL | N0GOI | 444.050 | MAGIC | MET | 05/01/17 |
| ST PAUL | K0GOI | 442.025 | TERRY LONDROC | MET | 05/01/17 |
| ST PAUL | N0GOI | 145.170 | TERRY LONDROC | MET | 05/01/17 |
| CYRSTAL | WB0KZB | 145.230 | JAMES POWELL | MET | 04/30/17 |
| ZIMMERMAN | KE0ATF | 443.525 | STEVEN KOKX | CEN | 04/29/17 |
| BLOOMINGTON | WA0CQG | 442.150 | CARL ESTEY | MET | 04/22/17 |
| ZIMMERMAN | KE0ATF | 444.450 | STEVEN KOKX | CEN | 04/22/17 |

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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 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. Receives all mailings.
- Newsletter
Dues \$ 5.00
Receives one copy of MRC newsletter for 1 year.
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
601 Sunset Street
Buffalo MN 55313
763-682-2169
jerryd@jerryd.net

of years Paid: _____

Total Amount: _____

Check #: _____

Name on Check: _____

Other Info: _____

Membership Approval Granted: _____ Date: _____

Dues Paid for: 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031 2032

Agenda
Minnesota Repeater Council General meeting
Fall 2017

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
- C. Frequency coordinators report
- D. Technical Committee

III Individual Announcements

- A.

IV. Applications for membership

- A. Brady Palmquest K0UC Reg
- B. Carl Estey WA0CQG Reg
- C.

V. Old business.

- A. Coordination Data Committee
- B. UHF Full Duplex links
- C. Great River Library Donation
- D. Bylaw changes Quorum and amendments

VI. New business

- A.
- B.

VII. Election of Officers / Appointments

VIII. Spring Meeting, Out state location.

IX. 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 if 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.