

Western New York Southern Ontario
Repeater Council

Minutes Of Meeting 2003/10/19

Location: Welland Hospital
Attendance: 17 – Canadians / 5 Americans

1.0 Regular Business

Meet brought to order at 13:38 hours local

Those present introduced themselves.

2.0 Officers

Tom VE3LT announced his computer crashed and he lost his emails.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

Minutes of previous meeting were approved as published.

Bank statement was left in vehicle. Rusty KE2PW announced bank balance was around \$1200 USD.

Treasurer's report was accepted.

3.0 Committee Reports

Technical Committee - No Report

Frequency Study - Rich WB2DSS stated;

1. Repeater pairs on adjacent frequencies will not be coordinated if new repeater is located within 100 miles of existing coordinated repeater.

2. A repeater can be moved up to 3 miles (4.5 Km) and re-coordination application is not necessary.

3. If antenna height is increased 25 feet or more then re-coordination is required.

4. If ERP is increased 1db. or more then re-coordination is required.

No other Committees reported

4.0 Correspondence

None

5.0 Old Business

Tom VE3LT reported;

1. VE3NU (145.450) trustee is unwilling to cooperate with WNYSORC officials to properly coordinate repeater.
2. VE3EBM - has not officially requested a frequency pair
3. VE3INY - wants to use 146.955 - this repeater is too close to another repeater on adjacent frequency
4. 444.750 repeater in Hamilton has been moved and is now too close to Goodwood repeater.
5. 145.310 repeater in Attica NY - WB2JRR is silent key - repeater information was not changed. Therefore, now the repeater is uncoordinated and will not be re-coordinated because it is too close to repeater in Kings City On. [North of Toronto]
6. VE3MMX repeater was taken off the air- a purge letter was sent to VE3MMX. Pair has not been given to Brantford ARC - repeater located on Red Cross building in Brantford On.
7. List of Frequencies was given to neighboring Councils. All repeaters accepted except;
 - Hungarian ARC - bad split used
 - W2GUT too close to Whitby machine
 - 224.700 too close to machine in neighboring Council
8. 146.625 and 444.350 Fredonia repeater information has been sent to neighboring Councils for approval. WNYSORC database has been updated to reflect 146.625 repeater with 357 ERP.
9. 145.23 is approved for VE3TLI, Brian Allen for Richmond.

The WNYSORC Constitution amendment regarding repeater purge process, presented at April 2003 meeting, was voted on and passed. Tom VE3LT will make changes to the Constitution.

6.0 New Business

Tom VE3LT reported purge letter was sent to;

1. VE3USH 442.550 repeater - no response
2. VE3MMX 145.270 repeater

3. KB2OUA 147.470 repeater - sent March 2, 2003- KB2OUA responded that the repeater is on the air - Tom VE3LT directed Rich WB2DSS to request an update form.

4. VE3GBT 146.895 repeater - Lions Head

Tom VE3LT reported;

1. VE3HBD [VA3RCI Repeater Project] requested 443.125 for downtown Toronto - several people present indicated concern for probable interference with repeaters on adjacent frequencies.

2. Emailed Oakville Club on May 16, 2003 regarding who is trustee of the 442.300 pair repeater- no response to date.

3. VA3ARP [Portuguese Assoc. of Amateur Radio of Ontario] - Francis Meyers VE3GWV asked for a two meter pair - none are available in Toronto area. Tom read the request letter.

4. 146.895 repeater in Tobermory is now toned.

5. Repeater Coordination form was submitted by Lajos Bakos VA3ICA, for repeater call VA3CHA. Request was denied.

6. Request to use 444.100 pair in Brampton was denied because it would be too close to the VE3NSL repeater in Aurora.

7. An emailed request for 444.200 repeater pair was sent by Ken Short. He was instructed to fill out a coordination form - no response. A purge letter was sent to Chatham- no response

8. W2SB repeaters in Fredonia are re-coordinated

9. A New Mexico Company requested the WNYSORC database - request was denied.

10. 443.800 frequency requested for Orangeville - distance is not a problem

11. VE7EF refused to participate with Nationwide Band Plan .

12. Bill Haight has transferred equipment to the St. Thomas Club - 224.780 has been re-coordinated in St. Thomas

13. Joe, KR3P [Western Pa Repeater Council], requested information on the adjacent frequency policy of WNYSORC. It was responded to him that WNYSORC's guideline is 50 miles. Although the W3GV 146.610 and KA3MJN 146.640 repeaters are at 46 miles and 45 miles, respectively, KR3P granted approval for the W2SB repeater to use 357 watts ERP.

14. Fergus-Eloro ARC has relinquished the 145.590 frequency, formerly the VE3IXB repeater.

15. VE3BAY issues have been resolved.

6.0 New Business cont'd

Tom VE3LT handed out the frequency list and directed everyone to submit corrections/changes to be put into writing and mailed to WNYSORC.

Peter, VA3PWH, requested 442.550 pair - He was instructed to fill out a coordination form.

Ed VA3VA asked questions regarding the problems on 145.47 with the Michigan repeater- He was instructed to complain to the FCC.

The meeting was turned over to KE2PW to solicit nominations for WNYSORC Chairman. VE3LT was the only nominee.

Michael, VE3VCY, moved to close nominations. Seconded by Peter, VA3PWH. The vote was unanimously passed.

IRLP - Tom VE3LT stated the list will be updated on the WNYSORC web site. He reported hearing an IRLP node on 146.52, the International Call Frequency. He will notify VE7LTD.

Tom, VE3LT requested re-imbusement for printer ink and paper. After discussion it was said that the Council treasury will be used to cover Council expenses. A check was issued to Tom for \$150.00 for ink and paper. Another check for \$13.26 was issued to Rich, WB2DSS, for postage.

Rusty, KE2PW, reported he will not be able to use the current method of copying Council documents. It was stated that the C.O. B. R. A. Club had a high speed Hewlett Packard printer it would be willing to sell. Duane, N2LRG, moved to purchase the printer for \$100. It was seconded by Michael VE3VCY. Vote passed. A check was written to C.O. B. R. A. for \$100.00. Tom VE3HM and Don VE3UMA, each donated \$10.00 to the Council toward covering the purchase of the printer.

Rusty, KE2PW, reported that he would like to have someone appointed to his position as travel to Council meetings is now a considerable expense.

VE3OMA moved that the Council cover travel expenses for the Secretary/Treasurer.

VA3PWH seconded. The vote failed.

Alex, N3NMN moved to adjourn the meeting.

Michael, VE3VCY seconded the motion.

The vote passed and the meeting was adjourned at 17:00 hours local.

Respectfully Submitted, Rusty KE2PW