

## **Western New York Southern Ontario Repeater Council**

### **Minutes of Meeting 2000/10/22**

Location Howard Johnson's Hotel 89 Meadowvale Dr. St. Catharines

Attendance 12 Canadians / 8 Americans

#### **1.0. Regular Business**

Tom VE3FCK called the meeting to order at 12:36 pm

A round table of introductions was given by all

A correction for the previous meeting was stated

N3NMN is on incorporation committee

Minutes were approved and corrected on motion made by Dick WB2DSS and seconded by Debbie KA2MGC

#### **2.0 Officers**

Rusty Ke2PW reported receiving 1,315.07 from Ted VE3FK

Report was approved by motion by Ben N2YDM and seconded by Dick WB2DSS

#### **3.0 Correspondence**

A) letter from ARRL regarding payment release and frequency list was read and turned over to the frequency committee

B) A letter from VE3WWW at Waterloo reporting and operating repeaters was read.

C) Ben N2YDM reported receiving several correspondences.

D) A letter from Len Hayes requesting information on applying for coordination was read aloud

E) Ron VE3ZYU reported two repeaters were installed near Staffordville last summer

F) Bill VE3ES of Windsor requested assistance with coordination problems

G) Hugh Duff VA3TO requested coordination

H) MABUHAY amateur Radio Club requested coordination

I) Carl Miller of Lockport NY sent update information

J) Robert Gradwell VE3BKG submitted complaints regarding the KC8ARS and K8DD repeaters

Kevin VA3KRA reported the repeaters must have the CTCSS in and out before the complaint can be considered.

#### **4.0 Committee Reports**

Freq. Committee Kevin VA3KRA Freq Coord.

- A) reported recently receiving several pieces of information and the database will be updated accordingly

- B) Reported that new people have taken over several repeaters and some operators need to contact the committee for re-coordination or updates
- C) Was informed of the twin repeaters that can be switched on or off
- D) Indicated that changes to power output location and trustees are difficult to keep track of and therefore keeping the database accurate is difficult
- E) Kevin Apologized to Al VA3AM and Lorraine VA3NZ for a recent mixup and indicated it is straightened out now.
- F) Stated some who volunteered for the freq study committee are operating repeaters in non compliance with WNYSORC guidelines and will not ask their participation however he does not want to put together a committee
- G) Answered questions regarding repeater trustee requirements. A Canadian must hold an at least ADVANCED class license and an American must hold a TECHNICIAN class license. Tom VE3FCK reported he plans to send Kevin's information to several clubs to get liaisons to attend WNYSORC meetings. The frequency list was reviewed for changes a tangent discussion of packet radio was held

## **Public Relations**

No report? Tom VE3FCK asked for a volunteer but no one responded!

## **5.0 Unfinished Business**

- A) Incorporation – Tom VE3FCK read correspondence from Alex N3NMN which indicated two sets of incorporation would be needed – one from each country. Insurance would be expensive and annual reports would be required. Tom VE3FCK reported incorporation is NOT recommended by the incorporation committee. Much discussion ensued regarding recent civil suite threat in New York State. Tom VE3FCK asked for a show of hands indicating the groups opinion of incorporation. Two votes for, five against and seven abstained. A motion was made by Alex N3NMN seconded by Peter VA3PWH for UNYREPCO to assume legal responsibility for frequency coordination in Western NY with advice from WNYSORC. Vote 12 – for , 2 opposed and 2- abstained. A memorandum of understanding is to be created for voting at a later meeting.

## **6.0 New Business**

- A) Peter VA3PWH reported NSARC is moving a repeater and will be linking it.
- B) Webpage discussion. RAC has offered to make a webpage available Ben N2YDM will look into one for free at Hamgate? Al VA3AM suggested one person should look after webpage.
- C) Next meeting 2001/04/01

Meeting adjourned by motion from Dick WB2DSS seconded by Art WB2SNH