



Western New York – Southern Ontario Repeater Council

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April 23, 2006 MINUTES

Location: Niagara County Emergency Services training facility, Lockport, NY.

1.0 General Business

- A. Call to Order by Chairman – 12:30pm
- B. Introduction of members present
- C. Discussion and approval of October, 2005 Minutes (previously posted on web site) - item NR-2005-018 on agenda conflicts with an item of the same name in the Oct 2005 minutes. Renamed item on agenda to NR-2005-020. Moved to accept minutes by Eric Meth VE3EI, 2nd by Gary Heagle VE3EPY. Carried.

2.0 Officers Reports

- A. Secretary-Treasurer
 - 1. Financial – Laird VE3LKS presented the 2005 final financial statements as well as the 2006 year to date.
 - 2. Non-Coordination correspondence – nothing to report.
 Moved to accept Secretary-Treasurer report by Betty Huider VE3BLH, 2nd by Lex Vandermey VE3LEX. Carried.
- B. Chairperson – Mike VE3VCY dialogued regarding the use of repeaters in the WNYSORC. He stressed that none of the repeaters in our area are classified as closed repeaters so any repeater could be used by any person(s) or groups for amateur radio purposes.

3.0 Committee Reports

- A. Frequency Study Committee – nothing at this time. However, Rich gave brief refresher of the coordination process including the geographical and technical requirements that need to be met.
- B. Technical Committee – nothing at this time
- C. PR Committee – nothing at this time

4.0 Old Business

OB-2005-001	Final vote on Motion – WNYSORC to allow a 25 split in Canada on 900MHz – KD2WA Andy Mills, 2 nd – VA3EZT David Lamb.	UPDATE - Rich checked with US sites and determined range and spacing. 902.000 to 928.000 with 902.000 RX; 927.000 TX designated as a SNPF.
OB-2005-010	Final vote on Motion - Term Limits – Mike Maclean VE3VCY – notice of motion - moved to abolish term limits within WNYSORC. 2 nd by Alex Quiroz VE3GS. Final vote to be taken at April 2006 meeting	Vote of 11 to 2. Carried.
OB-2005-011	VE3NX Owen Sound/Paisley conflict Needs to submit an update form. We'll look at it again.	Form has not been submitted. WNYSORC will proceed with purge procedures.
OB-2005-007	Motion by Dave Hodson VA3JL that the WNYSORC executive look into potential ISPs to host our website. 2 nd by Shelly Melodick VA3KY – moved	UPDATE - Karl Weir N2NJH has agreed to host wnysorc.org on his hamgate server at no cost to the council.

5.0 Coordination Requests

A. Cross Coordination with other repeater councils

1. Cross Coordination from outside WNYSORC
 - a. MIARC - 17 requests
 - b. OARC - 12 requests
 - c. UNYREPCO - 7 requests
 - d. WPRC - 3 requests

2. Cross Coordination from WNYSORC to outside areas
 - a. MIARC - 6 requests
 - b. OARC - 6 requests
 - c. UNYREPCO - 6 requests
 - d. WPRC - 4 requests

B. WNYSORC

1. Changes in Trustees – a reminder to make sure trustee info is kept up to date at both WNYSORC and IC/FCC
2. Relinquishments
3. Purges
4. New coordinations
5. New requests not approved
6. Denied

C. Interference Complaints

New and In Process Requests		
NR-2005-010	VE3OBN 224.920 - changed to VA3WHQ and frequency to 224.220	Forms have been submitted. Needs to be re-coordinated.
NR-2005-013	Six meter repeater at Fonthill for NPARC	Repeater currently under construction.
NR-2005-014	Proposed 2m request Wilf VE3WAS – request for 146.610	Final forms have been received. Repeater is coordinated.
NR-2005-015	VA3RJS Bob Scanferla – request for 53.050	Repeater has been coordinated.
NR-2005-016	Dan Farr – request for 53.010	Repeater has been coordinated.
NR-2005-017	VE3SXY – request for 902.500/927	Coordination process can proceed. We are waiting for forms from VE3SXY.
NR-2005-020	W2DXA – 147.390 – assigned this frequency to resolve an outstanding interference complaint from April 3, 2000.	Coordinated on October 23, 2005. There was some discussion by members of the Portuguese ARC as to why they were not given this frequency. Rich explained that it would not work at their location as they would be short-spaced to adjacent channel VE3SPA in South Pickering at 18 miles.

Purges in Process					
Call	Frequency	Sent	Received	Response	Trustee
VE3RUX	444.175	20-Sep-05	RTS	Letter returned – not at address – VE3RUX not in IC database - PURGED	VE3GUM
WB2OXB	224.100	01-Feb-06	02-Feb-06	No response by March 1 deadline - PURGED	WB2OXB
VE3LNZ	147.195	17-Feb-06	20-Feb-06	Received forms but with issues. Working with trustee to rectify.	VE3ADJ
VA3AMH	442.150 147.360	17-Feb-06	20-Feb-06	No response by March 31 deadline - PURGED	VE3DSI
VE3OOO	224.660	17-Feb-06	20-Feb-06	No response by March 31 deadline - PURGED	VE3ES
VE3ZOE	443.075	17-Feb-06	20-Feb-06	No response by March 31 deadline - PURGED	VE3IQL
VE3WAT	147.045	17-Feb-06	20-Feb-06	No response by March 31 deadline – there is apparently a change in trustee and we are working to sort it out.	VE3MMN
VE3FFN	146.640	17-Feb-06	22-Feb-06	Silent Key – frequency relinquished – repeater no longer in use	VE3FFN
VE3GTS	147.165	17-Feb-06	21-Feb-06	Repeater call sign should have been VE3RTY and not VE3GTS. This entry was entered erroneously – there is no repeater with the call of VE3GTS. Licensee VE3GTS is the trustee for several repeaters with a call of VE3RTY but we recently received updates and they are all current in the database.	VE3GTS
VE3PRT	443.300	17-Feb-06		address good at RAC for trustee but Canada Post indicates person has moved and forwarded letter to new address – no response but no delivery notification from Canada Post – will follow up with Canada Post re delivery – station will be PURGED if Canada Post does not have address.	VE3AIX
VE3RTP	443.325	17-Feb-06		address good at RAC for trustee but Canada Post indicates person has moved and forwarded letter to new address – no response but no delivery notification from Canada Post – will follow up with Canada Post re delivery – station will be PURGED if Canada Post does not have address.	VE3AIX
VE3RAE	146.895	17-Feb-06		address good at RAC for trustee but Canada Post indicates person has moved and forwarded letter to new address – no response but no delivery notification from Canada Post – will follow up with Canada Post re delivery – station will be PURGED if Canada Post does not have address.	VE3CZN

Interference Complaints		
IC-2006-001	W2DXA – 147.390 – station is experiencing co-channel interference by an uncoordinated repeater run by the Portuguese ARC on the same frequency within the 100 mile limit.	Since WNYSORC is not a regulatory body we have advised W2DXA to file a complaint with both the FCC and IC should the problem not be resolved amicably.
IC-2006-002	VE3WAS – 146.610 – station is being interfered with by an uncoordinated repeater on 146.620 operated by VE3TVG. 146.620 is not a standard repeater frequency.	Since WNYSORC is not a regulatory body we have advised VE3WAS to file a complaint with IC should the problem not be resolved amicably.

6.0 New Business

NB-2006-001 – Jerry VE3EXT - Proposed change of venue for October, 2006 meeting: Kitchener, ON or area
Tom Domonkos VE3LT will check into possibilities in Kitchener Waterloo area and will report back to the WNYSORC executive within one month. WNYSORC will send out an email once the meeting place has been decided on.

NB-2006-002 – WNYSORC – as per WNYSORC by-laws nominations are open for the position of Secretary-Treasurer.
Laird Solomon VE3LKS – nominated by Gary Heagle VE3EPY, 2nd by Ben Bass N2YDM.
To be voted on at next meeting in October

NB-2006-003 – info - Tom Domonkos VE3LT – US and Canada are now aligned equally on the 220 band.

NB-2006-004 - info – Eric Meth VE3EI reported that 145.67 is now being used by D-star APRS.

NB-2006-005 – Andy Mill KD2WA – motion to investigate the future use of the splinter freq (ie 442.0125 - freq 25kc spacing offset by current spacing offset by 12.5kc) in the 442 to 445 repeater band (UHF) for digital voice repeater use within a bandwidth of 8kc or less. The WNYSORC Frequency Study and Technical committee will be involved as well as Andy Mill and may include other possible interested parties. 2nd by Eric Meth VE3EI. Carried.

7.0 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Francis Gilson W2KY, 2nd by Boyd Snider VE3PK. Carried.

Meeting demographics:

10 Americans
19 Canadians