



Western New York – Southern Ontario Repeater Council

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Minutes – April 18, 2004

Location: Welland Hospital, Welland, ON
Attendance: 34 Canadians / 1 American

1.0 Regular Business

Meeting called to order at 12:52.

Those present introduced themselves.

2.0 Officers Reports

Previous minutes approved as posted.

Secretary - Treasurer's report - passed unanimously.

Chairperson

- Tom, VE3LT, presentation on ERP power
- graphical display of repeaters available on website –Tom, VE3LT, to see if a .csv file can be created for Microsoft Streets and Trips
- WNYSORC now has the www.wnysorc.org domain and is now the official website.

3.0 Committee Reports

A - **Frequency Study**

- need volunteers to listen for repeaters that are not on our list and to check to see if existing listed repeaters are operating. Members to include:
 - WNYSORC Executive
 - Tom, VE3LT – Niagara Falls, ON
 - Laird, VE3LKS – Oshawa, ON
 - Rich, WB2DSS – Hamburg, NY
 - Ben, N2YDM – Buffalo, NY
 - Reg - VE3BQQ – Hamilton
 - Lyle - VA3DXE – Oshawa
 - Al - VA3LX - St. Thomas
 - Andy - VE3HJ – Brantford
 - Ted - VE3TJD – Kitchener

B - **Technical Committee**

- nothing to report

C - **Public Relations**

- nothing to report
- Laird, VE3LKS, to generate a list of names/call signs of returned mail to post on website so other members can help track down missing people.
- www.hamtechnet.com
- Tom, VE3LT, to write an article for RAC to explain repeater co-ordination process and organization

4.0 Correspondence

- Paul, VE3UUM - report on amateur co-habitation on CBC towers. Posted on WNYSORC website.

5.0 Old Business

Ob2 – 224.520 – Hugh VA3TWO – still in process of testing

Ob3 – VE3INY – 443.800, 53.150 – sent letter Jan 02/04 re interference with Wiarton. Mute point as repeater is now on another pair.

Ob4 – VE3BME 147.060 vs 147.045 – still in process

Ob5 – VE3INY Bob Purvis in Collingwood – gave 145.390 to use

Ob6 – VE3ERC Waterloo ARC – 444.710 is a non-standard pair and on an odd split. There is no paperwork.

6.0 Coordination Requests

Cross Coordination from outside WNYSORC

X1 – WPA asked for 444.375 – OK'd on Jan 17, 2004 by Rich

X2 - 224.500 NOPC N8LYL for MIRC – OK'd by Rich (plus 442.600)

X3 - 442.475 PFA – OK'd on Mar 1, 2004 by Rich

Cross Coordination from WNYSORC to outside areas

XA – 442.600 VE3CAY Toronto, ON – Jan 21, 2004 – approved WPA

XB – 444.075 VA3ADN Brampton, ON – Jan 21, 2004 – approved WPA but conflicts with VE3NCF in Hamilton only 40km away. – NOT APPROVED.

XC – 442.600 VE3MBR Collingwood, ON – Jan 22, 2004 – approved WPA, OARC

XD – 52.290 VE3PLF Niagara, ON – Feb 10, 2004 – approved OARC, WA2VCS Feb 12

New Requests

NR1 – VE3IVM - Jan 16, 2004 – Ivan Makinarov requesting 444.925 Toronto, ON. Problem with cross located in Westfield WB2EDV? Was pending outcome of waiver – waiver obtained – DENIED

NR2 – VE3TKI – Feb 10, 2004 – Mike Brickell requesting four possibilities. All frequencies requested are not in the link portion of the band and are obscure frequencies.

OK'd

VE3QG – Jan 2003 - Peter Henry, ARES repeater Whitby, ON - 442.875 for trial. Interference from Barrie so is still looking for a pair.

VE3TLI for VE3XXL in Elgin, ON on 443.225. Set up for testing Feb 04, 2004.

N8WJ – 145.210 Detroit, MI.

Denied

See NR2 – Feb 10, 2004 – VE3TKI Mike Brickell requesting possibilities.

Re-Coordination

RE1 – VA3KC – Casey Coley – 442.550 – refuses to send in coordination form. Has moved repeater so is uncoordinated. Tom to purge pair.

Relinquished

REL1 – K2BBRK – Brockport ARC – 442.200

REL2 – VE3IXB/VA3RP – 145.490

REL3 – K2OAD – 145.350 changed to 145.470. 145.350 relinquished.

7.0 New Business

NB1 – VE3WNW and the Tobermory, ON pair. Dilemma with VE3XOX in Owen Sound which is uncoordinated – 146.730. Will continue to look into this.

NB2 – National APRS UHF frequency to be shared with the phone portion on 445.925. WNYSORC agrees that this frequency should be used. **Motion:** that 445.925 be set aside for possible future use with APRS use. Passed unanimously

NB3 – Popular Communications ran an article about the Artsci Repeater directory in the March 2004 edition. WNYSORC has sent a letter to Popular Communications relating concerns of the council.

NB4 – VE3GS – 444.775 – Latina Repeater Toronto, ON – this repeater is not coordinated. WNYSORC sent a letter with concerns regarding power change, distance from other station on same pair, and height increasing seven times original height.

NB5 – SNPF revisited – 147.390 – two repeaters, one in Toronto, ON and one in western New York, are currently using this pair but not for the intended use of SNPF. Tones noted to access these repeaters were 103.5 and 151.4 for the Toronto repeater and 88.5 for the other western New York. Neither of these repeaters are following guidelines for CTCSS tone.

NB6 – 444.750 Hamilton – work in process to find a pair for use

NB7 – Echolink – Tom to send letter to RAC re bandplan for Echolink.

NB8 – SNPF was adopted by quorum vote. Now posted on WNYSORC website.

8.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 15:25.

Next meeting to be held on Sunday, October 24, 2004 at the Welland Hospital. Please check the website for further details.