

Western New York Southern Ontario  
Repeater Council  
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**MINUTES OF MEETING**

Location: Welland Hospital  
Date: 2001/10/21  
Attendance: 10 – Canadian / 6 – US

1.0 Regular Business

Tom, VE3FCK, called the meeting to order at 1305 hours. The previous minutes were handed out. Dick WB2DSS moved and Duane N2LRG seconded to accept the minutes – passed. Rusty KE2PW presented the treasury report. Frank W2KY moved to accept, Al VA3AM seconded – passed.

Around the table introductions were given.

2.0 Old Business

Kevin, VA3KRA, communicated with Alex, N3NMN, and indicated more work needs to be done if the UNYREPCO and WNYSORC can make an agreement on legal affairs.

3.0 Frequency Coordinator

The WNYSORC repeater list was passed around. Kevin VA3KRA and Ben N2YDM commented. Many in attendance gave their thoughts on the list.

4.0 New Business

Much discussion took place about IRLP. Someone indicated that people are randomly picking repeater pairs and designated linking pairs, thereby causing significant problems with coordinated repeaters. Someone indicated that education might help.

Kevin, VA3KRA indicated link frequencies are a problem under the current RAC band plan.

Al, VA3AM, indicated that 70 centimeter ham frequencies are being used in factories for machinery control and in other industry for GPS correction equipment.

Ben, VA3BNY, suggested the council propose to ARRL to identify CANWARN and SKYWARN repeaters in the repeater directory database.

Jim, VE3WA suggested transceivers be used to link repeaters instead of link frequency radios. Tom, VE3FCK will send a letter to RAC on this matter.

Discussion regarding members who don't participate in Council business or pay dues.

Suggestions stated;

1. Send letters to repeater owners indicating they will no longer receive benefits of this council.
2. Council not reassign well used frequency pairs.
3. Not to publish repeaters in ARRL directory.

No action was taken on this matter.

Jim, VE3WA, suggested the Council's repeater list be published on the Council's web page. Kenin, VA3KRA, suggested a disclaimer be posted with the list.

Ben, VE3BNY, suggested putting a button on the web page to register members' current E-mail address. Kevin, VA3KRA, said he will work with Wayne Locke to put the option on the page.

Al, VA3AM, suggested that Hams put on their web page links to [www.hwcn.org/~ad757](http://www.hwcn.org/~ad757) (Council's page).

Ben, N2YDM, stated Amateur Radio Clubs need to send to the Council a letter each year designating their representative.

#### 5.0 Correspondence

From;

1. VE3LHY requested coordination of VE3VOP on 443.8 – Kevin, VE3KRA, stated this frequency can not be coordinated for the area.
2. VA3ZH requested 444.625 – They need to send complete coordination information to the Council.
3. VE3NU 145.45 – Paul Stapells - requested location is too close to another repeater and not within Council guidelines.

#### 6.0 Next Meeting

April 21, 2002

#### 7.0 Adjourned

1540 hours local