



Western New York – Southern Ontario Repeater Council

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April 15, 2007 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, Approval of October, 2006 Minutes (previously posted on web site) - moved Peter Henry VA3PWH, second by Rich Poczalski WB2DSS - passed

2.0 Officers Reports

- A. Secretary-Treasurer
 1. Financial moved Ben Bass N2YDM, second by Peter Vince VA3PKV - passed
 2. Non-Coordination correspondence
- B. Chairperson – Mike Maclean VE3VCY gave a brief report emphasizing that any repeater is available to be used by anyone.

3.0 Committee Reports

- A. **Frequency Study Committee** – We are currently working with MIARC and UNYREPCO, along with input from OARC and WPRC to formulate an agreement involving all the adjacent councils to come up with a bandplan for utilizing the D-STAR format for repeaters. MIARC and UNYREPCO have already forwarded suggestions and recommendations for which frequencies and separations they feel will work best.

WNYSORC will be working with the coordinators of the adjacent councils to assist in coming to an agreement that will work for all. At this time there are many proposals being considered for both VHF and UHF bands, and nothing is anywhere near being finalized. This is a “work in progress” and is much too important to be rushed.

WNYSORC is not going to just implement any type of bandplan without input and agreement with the adjacent councils, in case what we deem possible may be in total conflict with what the rest of the amateur community has selected as a standard.

- B. **Technical Committee** – Eric Meth VE3EI submitted a proposal regarding DStar spacing
- C. **PR Committee** – nothing to report

4.0 Old Business

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. No form – no coordination!!
OB-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, 2 nd by Ben Bass N2YDM. To be voted on at next meeting in October	Laird has decided not to let his name stand for re-election so further names will need to be submitted. Peter Henry, VA3PWH, nominated by Greg Young KE2VW. 2 nd by Ben Bass N2YDM – will be moved on at the next meeting. Peter was appointed as acting Secretary Treasurer until voted at next meeting.
OB-2006-006	Tedd Doda, VE3TJD - motion to investigate the possibility to set up a PayPal account for the payment of dues and fees	Round table discussion regarding pros and cons of using PayPal. Motion by Peter Vince VA3PKV to not proceed with the Pay Pal account. 2 nd by Ben Bass N2YDM – moved.

5.0 Coordination Requests

A. Cross Coordination with other repeater councils

1. Cross Coordination from outside WNYSORC
 - a. MIARC - 24 requests
 - b. OARC - 6 requests
 - c. UNYREPCO - 7 requests
 - d. WPRC - 6 requests
2. Cross Coordination from WNYSORC to outside areas
 - a. MIARC - 4 requests
 - b. OARC - 8 requests
 - c. UNYREPCO - 7 requests
 - d. WPRC - 6 requests

B. WNYSORC

1. Changes in Trustees
2. Relinquishments
3. Purges
4. New coordinations
5. New requests not approved
6. Denied

C. Interference Complaints

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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. Resolved. PARC moved from the frequency.
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. Status unknown

6.0 New Business

NB-2007-001- Andy Mills KD2WA moved to implement technical study committee report from October 2006 meeting. 2nd by Peter Henry VA3PWH – moved. Final vote will be at the October 2007 meeting.

NB-2007-002 – Andy Mills KD2WA - motion to amend the technical study committee report to remove the power limitation on digital mode. 2nd by Bob Neufeld N3AU – moved. Final vote will be at the October 2007 meeting.

NB-2007-003 – Peter Vince VA3PKV – motion to include Andy Mills on the technical study committee. 2nd by Rich Poczkaliski WB2DSS – moved.

NB-2007-004 – Greg Young KE2VW - motion that WNYSORC executive plus database manager and frequency coordinator make a study of bylaws, guidelines, and procedures with respect to streamlining administration of council matters. 2nd by Bob Neufeld N3AU – moved.

7.0 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Peter Henry VA3PWH at 1458.

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