



# Western New York – Southern Ontario Repeater Council

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## April 03, 2011 MINUTES

Location: Erie County Fire Training Center, Broadway Ave.(Rte. 130)  
and Union Road (Rte. 277), Cheektowaga, NY

### 1.0 General Business

- A. Call to Order by Chairman – 1130h
- B. Introduction of members present
- C. Discussion, Approval of October, 2010 Minutes – see handout
- D. Acceptance moved by Joe KC2DKP. Seconded by Gene N2OBW. Carried.

### 2.0 Officers Reports

- A. Secretary-Treasurer
  - 1. Financial: As of March 29, \$6,198.03 in the bank.
  - 2. Moved to accept by Ben N2DYM. Seconded by Rich WB2DSS. Carried.
  - 3. Non-Coordination correspondence - None
- B. Chairman - None

### 3.0 Committee Reports

- A. Frequency Study Committee - None
- B. Technical Committee - None
- C. PR Committee - None

### 4.0 Old Business

OB-2010-001	None	

### 5.0 Coordination Requests

- A. Cross Coordination with other repeater councils
  - 1. Cross Coordination from outside WNYSORC
    - a. MIARC - 6
    - b. OARC – 4
    - c. UNYREPCO - 5
    - d. WPRC - 5
  - 2. Cross Coordination from WNYSORC to outside areas
    - a. MIARC – 8
    - b. OARC - 1
    - c. UNYREPCO - 1
    - d. WPRC – 4

**B. WNYSORC**

1. Changes in Trustees - 4
2. Relinquishments - 3
3. Purges - see handout
4. New coordinations - 7
5. New requests not approved - 3
6. Denied - 8

<b>Purges in Process – Current</b> “Sent” column specifies when WNYSORC mailed the Registered letter. “Received” column specifies when trustee signed for Registered letter. <u><b>There are many purges in process at this time.</b></u>					
<b>RPTR</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Sent</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Trustee</b>
List published on website, Jan., 2011					

<b>Interference Complaints</b>		

**6.0 New Business**

- NB-2011-001 – Nominations to be received for candidates for Chairman of WNYSORC.**  
**Election for three-year term to be held at Fall, 2011 General Meeting.**  
**Candidates must be** 1) Licensed Radio Amateurs resident in the WNYSORC Geographical Area (U.S. minimum Technician Class, Canadian minimum Basic Class);  
 2) Paid-up members of WNYSORC (payment at April Meeting okay);  
 3) Nominated and seconded by paid-up members of WNYSORC (payment at April Meeting okay);  
 4) If prospective candidate cannot attend April, 2011 meeting, then nominations by proxy okay as long as a letter from candidate agreeing to be nominated is filed with Secretary-Treasurer by the close of the April Meeting, BUT:  
 5) A candidate must attend Fall, 2011 meeting to present himself/herself to the electorate for voting or candidacy will be forfeited.

**Note:** Since membership is open to all Radio Amateurs resident in the WNYSORC Geographical Area, voting at Meetings is by paid-up members only.

**Nominations:** Tom Kennedy VA3TVK, nominated by Clint N2FMM. Seconded by Rich WB2DSS. After beating the bushes, no one else would stand for election. Joe KC2DKP moved nominations be closed. Seconded by Gene, N2OBW. Carried.

**NB-2011-002** – Moved by Craig VA3DTF that a separate printable web page for “Directions to Next Meeting” be loaded on to website. Seconded by Tolson, VA3TOL. Carried.

**NB-2011-003** – Moved by Bob N3AU that the Spring Meetings be moved back to the Niagara County Conference Center in Lockport, NY. Seconded by Mike, WB2TZY. Eric Meth VE3EI pointed out that the Cheektowaga site is actually more central to NY Amateurs, and that the Buffalo Peace Bridge crossing is easier for Canadian Amateurs due to its much shorter waiting times compared to the Lewiston, NY crossing. Discussion became general and Bob withdrew his motion, Mike consenting.

**NB-2011-004** – Eric Meth VE3EI asked if a separate sub-band could be set up within each band for digital Communication. Rich WB2DSS pointed out that the 12.5 KHz spacing on 440 allows for this, and that sub-band spacing doesn't work on VHF due to interference with adjacent analog frequency pairs.

**NB-2011-005** – Gene N2OBW pointed out a new threat to Amateur Spectrum in the 420-512 MHz range: A motion in Congress to require that within eight years, all public safety and Amateur operators will have to vacate this space. He urged that everyone lobby their Congressmen to prevent this.

**NB-2011-006** – It was pointed out by [name withheld by request] that the NYS Thruway applied to the FCC to have all Canadian VHF stations in the 151-174 MHz range within 150 miles north of the Canadian border vacate the band to allow the Thruway exclusive use of the frequencies, but that Industry Canada refused to accede to this.

**NB-2011-007** – Wally N2LYJ asked the Frequency Coordinator if the Technical Committee had investigated and made a recommendation to change the 25 KHz channel spacing to 12.5 KHz in the 900 MHz band. The Technical Committee made a report on May 08, 2005. The Committee will be asked to report to the Fall, 2011 Meeting as to the separation distance that they recommend for each (12.5 vs. 25 KHz) spacing.

**NB-2011-008** - Fall, 2011 Meeting to be held on October 02, 2011. Moved by Joe, KC2DKP. Seconded by everyone else. Carried.

## **7.0 Adjournment**

Moved by Rich WB2DSS. Seconded by Gene, N2OBW. Carried at 1325h.