



Western New York – Southern Ontario Repeater Council

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Minutes – October 24, 2004

Location: Welland Hospital, Welland, ON
Attendance: 25 Canadians / 6 Americans

1.0 Regular Business

Meeting called to order at 13:40.

Those present introduced themselves.

2.0 Officers Reports

Previous minutes approved as posted.

- a) **Secretary - Treasurer's** report - passed unanimously.
- b) **Correspondence** – Tom read several letters, good and bad, received from trustees, etc.
- c) **Chairperson** – Tom gave a summary regarding the response to form letters that were sent out. Tom also showed slides showing the repeaters in the WNYSORC catchment area. There is approximately one UHF repeater for every seven amateurs in the Toronto area.

3.0 Committee Reports

a) Frequency Study Committee – Questionable Pairs

- 147.300 – VA3RZS – Lakefield –uncoordinated
- 145.290 – Markdale – can not determine callsign
- 146.895 – VE3ROG or VE3GBT - Midland –not on the air
- 145.450 – VA3RVU
- 445.225/146.280 – W2TVC – not a valid call
- 443.600 – VE3NYF - Brantford – not a valid call – will look at purging after contacting the trustee VE3WDF
- 444.925 – VA3BNI – interference complaint from Westfield, NY
- 444.650 – VE3RXU is trustee but VE3OLV is not a valid call
- 224.780 – VE3RAL – Scarborough – VE3OUD listed as trustee but is not a valid call
- 146.835 – VE3ZJC – Ballantrae –
- 147.370 – no callsign - non-standard pair - a rogue repeater?
- 147.165 – VE3CRV – near Owen Sound – a rogue repeater?
- 146.670 – VE3RLW – Grand Valley area? – a rogue repeater?
- 442.600 – VE3CAY – moved to First Canadian Place – now on 442.975

b) Technical Committee

- added John VA3RQ to the Technical Committee
- committee has compiled repeater info, mods, etc, that WNYSORC can use

c) PR Committee

- nothing to report

4.0 Old Business

- OB1** – Purge letter sent to VE3GAD – came back as “Return to Sender”. Purged April 26/04
- OB2** – 443.975 – VE3TTO – **COORDINATED**
- OB3** – 146.895 – Elmira ARC – PURGED. 444.710 **COORDINATED**
- OB4** – sent inquiry to Gene re VE3GBT – where is it?
- OB5** – still looking for 2m pair for Warton fire hall – see NB-2004-004

OB6 – ARTSCI Repeater Directory – this directory only shows 18 repeaters in province of Ontario. WNYSORC does not endorse this product.

OB7 – Tom wrote letter to Graham at RAC regarding bandplan discussion around Echo-link. Received no response.

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

5.0 Coordination Requests

Cross Coordination from outside WNYSORC

X1 – 442.400 – DE3EI – Tionesta, PA – **approved** Sep 25/04

Cross Coordination from WNYSORC to outside areas

XA – 147.225 – N2MPE – Rochester, NY – **approved** May 14/04

XB – 146.985 – N2MPE - Rochester, NY – **approved** May 14/04

XC – 224.140 – WA2BTW – Orchard Park, NY – **approved** Aug 3/04

XD – 53.090 – W2SIX – Weathersfield, NY – recoordination due to relocation – **approved** Aug 3/04

New Requests

NR-2004-001 – VA3UV – Ramesh requested 2m pair for Echolink in Mississauga, ON – **denied**

NR-2004-002 – VA3SRC – Steve VA3SC requested UHF pair for Burlington, ON – still looking

NR-2004-003 – VE3GIV - Bob of Hamilton – given 442.225 on Jun 22/04. Needs to get it on the air by Dec 15 or risk losing it.

NR-2004-004 – N2WUT – William requested 70cm pair for North Tonawanda, NY on Sep 1/04. Pending. No available frequencies at this time.

Denied

KD2WA - 147.045 co-channel VA3SUP in Whitby, 51 miles away. With lake enhancement, 38 miles of which is over water, reducing the effective distance to 32 miles

KD2WA - 444.275 co-channel VE3QSB in Moonstone is 102 miles away. With lake enhancement (42 miles) this reduces the effective distance to 81 miles. 444.275 co-channel W2RCX in Bethany is only 28 miles away.

KB2TRQ – 444.775 co-channel N2ISQ in Limestone, NY is only 59 miles away, co-channel VA3ATL in Toronto is 62 miles away. With lake enhancement (32 miles), reduces the effective distance to 46 miles. KB2TRQ 443.800 denied because of short spacing K1NXG in Ogden, NY., 67 miles to co-channel repeater VE3QG in Oshawa, ON. 38 miles of that is over water, making the effective separation only 48 miles. June 19/04

Coordination

442.350 for VE3XXL in Elgin County under VE3TLI

443.800 for NSARC – Oshawa - April 27/04

442.725 for Grassie April 27/04

145.490 for Paris ve3knw

Renewals/Changes

VE3WWW – University of Waterloo (Ed Spike ve3tck) has three repeaters to renew. Response sent April 29, 2004

442.225 – proposed for Hamilton to Bob VE3GIV

146.955 W2SEX – Changes sent 08/13/04

Relinquished

REL1 – 442.325 – VA3BNI – King City, ON

Purged

53.250 - VE3SRC Proton Station – never put on the air. Confirmed May 27/04 via email. Steve Canney VA3SC

145.390 - VE3GAD Cannington – purge letter returned to sender

147.045 - VA3BNI/VA3BNI – mail of May 29/04 returned to sender – no info since 1993

224.140 – WB2VCR – Orchard Park, NY

442.975 - VE3RUF - repeater never on - also only a Basic License holder contrary to RIC3 – effective May 5/04

444.025 in Ripley - purge notice effective May 4, 2004 sent to KB2OUX for failure to put a repeater on the air

444.675 - VE3GAS– no address, silent key? - in effect May 5/04

444.975 - VE3RAP – letter on July 27/04 to VE3FJG of Orangeville came back return to sender on Sep 1/04

444.975 VE3RAP Orangeville. (ve3bni may have taken it over?)

Purge Notices Sent

146.895 – ve3rae request for information June 5, Mailed May 3, 2004(repeater moved)?
 145.270 WA2DQL - Orleans County ARC
 145.330 N2EHY
 146.850 K2IWY
 146.880 KE2PW
 146.895 K2UOB
 147.135 N2EWJ
 147.195 N2KZB
 442.725 N2OTC
 443.275 K1NXG
 443.800 K1NXG
 443.800 N2QLS
 443.975 KN2M
 444.875 N2KG
 224.540 WA2HBO – sent May 8/04
 146.715 VE3NYC
 146.730 VE3XTX
 146.925 VE3SME
 224.520 VE3NDB
 442.550 VE3USH
 ULR Network five repeaters in Toronto
 SORT Network of four repeaters in London Region
 Chatham Kent Group – seven repeaters
 LARC – London ARC –several (three?) repeaters
 443.650 VE3NOR – sent May 25/04
 147.045 VA3WAT/VE3MMM – sent May 29/04
 147.075 VE3HNR/VE3FCZ - sent June 1/04
 443.200 VE3OAK/VA3EC – sent June 2, 2004
 147.330/53.130 VA3BAL COARC – sent June 5, 2004 – request for submissions
 442.400 VE3WWW – sent October 31/04 Waterloo –hasn't submitted since 1994?
 147.180 VE3MOT – sent purge letter October 1, 2004

Interference Complaints

IC-2004-001- 147.045 - VE3PWR a Martin Paul Maduro, # 34 Manning Crescent, Newmarket, ON L3Y 6H4
 – asked for callsign of interfering station and received no reply - **moot issue**
IC-2004-002 - 147.370 - interfering with Pickering VE3SPA. Repeater in question is somewhere near Newmarket area? Filed - LYLE VA3DXE. Station interfering is on non-standard pair. VE3SPA needs to file complaint with IC.
IC-2004-003 - 444.550 WA2HYK. From VE3HJ Andrew – **moot issue as he is not coordinated**!
IC-2004-004 – 444.925 – VA3BNI causing interference

6.0 New Business

NB-2004-001 - Sent letter to VA3BAL repeater group 147.330 Central Ontario ARC. April 23, 2004 requesting coordination of pair. Trustee VE3ATP submitted forms.
NB-2004-002 – Letter sent to IC/FCC regarding improper use of SNPF pair on Lewiston NY.
 Station pulled off air by the FCC
NB-2004-003 – sent two letters to TFMCS – no response from either
NB-2004-004 – VE3TXT complaint. One of the repeaters is not coordinated. **moot issue**
NB-2004-005 – VE3OKR 442.450 interference complaint Rick Harrison, VA3NV - VE3YRH. Requested ID of interfering machine but have not had a response. **moot issue**
NB-2004-006 – KD2WA a request we revisit the distance issue for higher frequencies. He suggests that a blanket 100 miles is ok for 2 mtr but what about higher frequencies? Should distance factor into a shorter distance? **Answer NO! WNYSORC will not change existing spacing rulings as they follow guidelines set out by not just our group, but many other Councils across the nation.**
NB-2004-007 – VE3INY – Bob Purvis – frequency requests
 – 443.800 OK
 – 53.150 OK
 – 921.500 OK
 – 146.895 moving to Lions Head.
NB-2004-008 – had discussion around possibility of standardizing frequencies for Echolink. No conclusions were drawn at this time.
NB-2004-009 – discussion around possibility of realigning the borders of WNYSORC and UNYREPCO.

UNIREPCO to forward request on letterhead and obtain written approval from all affected trustees. Put over until next meeting. Was formerly voted by quorum **NOT** to do this but will re-visit the issue.

NB-2004-010 – 444.710 on form – should have been 444.700 – **COORDINATED**

NB-2004-011 – motion to have four WNYSORC meetings each year – **PASSED**

NB-2004-012 – motion to reduce the number of WNYSORC meetings each year from four to three – **PASSED**

NB-2004-013 – motion to have next meeting in the USA – **PASSED**

8.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 17:45.

Date and place of next meeting to be determined. Please check the website for further details.