

Minutes of the Oregon Region Relay Council

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED BY THE ORRC BOARD AUGUST 12th, 2003

ORRC Board

Meeting started at 10:19 AM on August 10th, 2003.

Location: Umatilla Justice Center, Pendleton.

ORRC Board Members present:

Joel Determan K7TGZ Chair & Dir. at Large

Ron Polluconi KJ7IY Region 2 Dir. & Database Manager

Mike Hemel KB7WUK Region 3 Dir. & Vice Chair

Dan Bathurst WA7ABU Secretary & Region 4 Dir.

Richard Wilson, KC7AM Treasurer ran the barbeque, present, but occupied.

Terry Shellman KB7DRX Region 6 Director

Neil McKie WA6KLA Region 7 Dir. & Ops Chair

Johnny Jones WA6RHK Dir. at Large & Region 5 Alt

Ed Melnik WB2QHS Region 2 Alt.

Brett Mueller WA7V Region 8 Dir. and Alt.

Dick Suber K7DDI Region 7 Alt.

Mike Mullarkey, K7PFJ at large Director

John Stein AB7F Region 3 Alt.

Absent:

Steve Grajeda WB6YQP Region 5 Dir. and Kenneth Seymour KA7OSM at large Director

Visitors:

John Mackey KS0F and Phil Hawkins KC7KI

Call to Order:

Minutes of June 8th, 2003 approved.

Operations

Updates:

Ken Seymore, KA7OSM: 29.68 MHz with 162 Hz tone - a site known as WORCA, currently coordinated on Cooper Mtn. and is being moved to Mt. Scott, SE Portland.

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Larry Quiring, KC7NOS: database update corrections as noted on his update forms, including address and name correction, not a change. 186.2 Hz tone in use on all SRA repeaters.

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Gene Kimzey, KA7HAM: Operational System Report on 147.38 repeater, Grizzly Mountain near Prineville.

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James Colville, W7RY of Yacolt, Washington, the 441.200 MHz system moved from Goat Mountain, outside of Molalla to SW Washington. 3496' AMSL, antenna to be 80' above the ground and a gain of 6 dB, transmitter power is 50 watts / ERP 150 watts. Change approved.

Applications:

Bill Sawders, K7ZM, of Bend requests the 145.49 MHz pair. To be installed on towers at 100' at his house: 3818' AMSL, 28 watts out, 6.0 dB antenna gain, 80 W ERP.

Co-channel letters are included. The co-channel letter from Robert Jones, WB7VMA, says Conditional agreement as long as both repeaters remain present height and location. If either should be moved to higher location, or power increased, it would void this agreement. and resulting interference would require K7ZM repeater to be equipped with PL tones, or codes.

Steve Grajeda, WB6YQP, states in his co-channel letter the 136.5 Hz CTCSS tone is not to be used. Co-channel letters, from Colin Lamb, K7FM and Gary Cooper, N7ZHG have no other comments.

Request approved.

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Les Fenison, KD7RY in the Portland area: A request dated June 14, 2003 for the 145.31 MHz repeater pair. A cover letter describes his current plans. Also included is a Bill of Sale dated June 14, 2003 from the current coordination holder, George Sneed, KA7HRJ.

Les' intention is to have the same coverage area as before - Longview to Salem. 1020' AMSL, 6 dB gain antenna 30' above the ground, 35 watts out, 70 watts ERP. Transfer approved, PL required, any other changes will need approval.

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Don Wolfe, AC7NU, is another request for the 145.31 MHz Repeater pair also dated June 14, 2003. Included is the Technical Data Form - (but, of course, without the Bill of Sale from George Sneed, KA7HRJ.)

Mr. Wolfe advises he has recently installed a repeater on the 145.31 MHz frequency pair - needing a CTCSS tone of 107.2 Hz. Application declined due to unavailability of the frequency.

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Suzanne Otnes, KS7O - we coordinated her 443.550 MHz on 2/19/03. The frequency will not work due to technical difficulties. This request is for another frequency pair outside of the 443.500 - 443.600 MHz range. 443.550 returned to pool, 440.700 MHz coordinated.

335' AMSL, antenna gain t/b 11 dB and height t/b 20 feet, 70 watts 240 ERP, CTCSS is 100.0 Hz-required, at 2238 SE 147th Ave., Portland OR.

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Gary Schultz, KC7TP, of Portland, Oregon requests a 440 band frequency pair for an installation at his home - as a start, eventually hopes to move the system to one of the four story buildings at his work at Mentor Graphics in Wilsonville. 443.550 MHz coordinated.

To start: 484' AMSL, antenna will be 6 dB gain and at 21' above the ground. Planned CTCSS will 100.0 Hz, location 9030 SW 55th Ave., Portland.

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Daron Wilson, N7HQR has two requests, 444.75 MHz at Otter Crest, near Newport. 1060' AMSL, antenna 100' above the ground and gain 6 dB. Power out 100 watts / 200 watts ERP, tone 100 Hz request approved.

Also, an update for 442.600 MHz at N 17th & Oar Street, Lincoln City. 84' AMSL, antenna 30' above the ground and gain 6 dB. Power out 10 watts / 20 watts ERP.

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Mike introduced a need for decoordination of 444.500 MHz KC7TX repeater. Letter to be sent to give notice of proceedings.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 11:25 AM

ORRC Board

Meeting called to order at 11:40 AM

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Previous Minutes approved, with callsign corrections.

New Business

Nominations for positions accepted:

Chair: KB7WUK, WB2QHS
Vice Chair: K7TGZ
Secretary: WA7ABU
Treasurer: KC7AM
Database: KJ7IY
Coordinations Chair: WA6KLA
Webmaster: Arlen, W9PCI

New Positions:

Chair: KB7WUK
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Secretary: WA7ABU
Treasurer: KC7AM
Database: KJ7IY
Coordinations Chair: WA6KLA (although his election needs confirmation)
Webmaster: Arlen, W9PCI; Brett to be liaison and backup webmaster

Old Business

Treasurer's Report, \$4924.25 in checking.

Mail pickup was discussed. Mail is now picked up every two weeks from the Portland P.O. Box that has been used for many years. Special delivery mail cannot be received by this box. Mail appears to be sporadic in delivery at times, per visitor KS0F.

A discussion of issues surrounding BMUG coordinations, including communications with Washington coordinators. No change indicated to deal with BMUG or coordinations for Region 8. Requests from the Region will be given the same attention as other requests. Any change in coordinations groups will need to be voted by the Ham operators in the Region.

NFCC emails will go to all the board, with replies all to go through KB7WUK only.

Ron, KJ7IY brought band plans to discussion for 900MHz. The ORRC will not be following the ARRL plan, due to our local needs. ATV and experimental digital will remain as presently used. Public input will be solicited by email, concerning our 900 MHz proposal to the ARRL.

Lunch break called at 12:58 PM.

Meeting resumed at 1:53 PM

The new 2.4 GHz band plan will take into account the ARRL plan being developed. No further report at this time.

Neil reported on Region 7 elections. Due to confusion over who can vote, Neil is going to hold this election again. Neil is using a mail in form to deal with this election due to great distances in his region. It is pointed out that this election must be by persons present at the election. The Region 7 election will be held again according to the bylaws. 30 days notice is needed and will be announced soon.

The ORRC was approached by a repeater directory company for data to use in an Oregon directory. N4DBB, Eve Publishing Services wants to pay for such use, similar to the agreement with the ARRL. Conditions were stipulated for Ron to offer the data to the company. The board will allow Ron to handle the details of the data sale.

Region 1 liaison, Johnny wishes to get persons in the region interested in the ORRC position of Region 1 Director for the North Coastal area. Some interest has been shown from the area hams.

Mike set goals for the next year:

900 MHz band plan, 1.2 GHz band plan, and 2.4 GHz band plan
Include old log number sequence in the database to make filing possible.
Rationalize the archive and make decisions on best storage.
Web based availability for our customers, and greater flexibility for them.
Better response to mail received, by sending a reply by post card at the Secretary level.

Good of the Order:

Next ORRC Board meeting: October 12th, 10:00 AM in Bend Oregon, China Sun Restaurant.

ORRC Board meeting adjourned at 2:47 PM.

Minutes submitted for ORRC Board review

Dan Bathurst

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ORRC Secretary