

Minutes of the Oregon Region Relay Council

THESE MINUTES ARE SUPPLIED FOR BOARD APPROVAL

Operations:

Meeting called to order at 11:10 AM on December 14th, 2003.
Location: the Red cross building in Eugene.

ORRC Board Members present:

Mike Hemel KB7WUK Region 3 Director & Chair
Joel Determan K7TGZ Director at Large & Vice Chair
Dan Bathurst WA7ABU Secretary & Region 4 Director
Ron Polluconi KJ7IY Region 2 Director & Database Manager
Ed Melnik WB2QHS Region 2 Alternate
Johnny Jones WA6RHK Region 5 Director & Region 1 Liaison
Steve Grajeda WB6YQP Region 5 Alternate Director
Dick Suber K7DDI Region 7 Director
Brett Mueller WA7V Region 8 Alternate, at Large Director & Web Liaison
Richard Wilson, KC7AM Treasurer & Region 8 Director
Mike Mullarkey, K7PFJ at large Director

Absent:

Terry Shellman KB7DRX Region 6 Director
Neil McKie WA6KLA Region 7 Alternate & Operations Committee Chair, due to snow in passes.
John Stein AB7F Region 3 Alternate
Kenneth Seymour KA7OSM at large Director

Visitor:

none recorded

Call to Order:

Minutes of October 12th, 2003 approved with a change to members present, John Stein not present. The web version is otherwise approved.

Updates & Applications:

From Brad Gulleff, N7BAG:
Operational system report - 444.500 MHz; accepted

From Arnold (Matt) Dillon, W7ARD:
Up-date of System Parameters - 53.070 MHz at Wolf Mountain; Accepted

Request for Coordination:

Control link for the 53.070 MHz.; accepted

From Mike Mullarkey, K7PFJ:
Up-date of system parameters - 441.675 MHz; accepted

Technical Data Form: The application was altered to show no frequency can be reserved without plans to use in the present, so this frequency cannot be set for statewide use. accepted as amended

In addition Mike sent a second Technical Data Form: amended to cover one site and accepted

His third Technical Data Form: Accepted with reservations updated and communicated to Mike.

Mike's fourth Technical Data Form: 442.125 MHz Transmit / 447.125 MHz Receive - near Redmond, Oregon; Mike's request was accepted with SNI to Eugene coordination

From Frank Schwartz, KA7TRY: An ORRC Annual Update Sheet (Last Updated 12/6/98) for his 147.600 MHz in / 147.000 MHz out repeater near Waldport, Oregon. Frank indicates on the update sheet the antenna is a vertical, the coverage: Portland, Mt. Hood, Sandy, Newport, Eugene, Bend, Salem, Lincoln City, Coos Bay and Florence. accepted

From Les Fenison, KD7RY: Four Operational System Reports:

145.31 MHz system:

The transmitter output power has been lowered to minimize interference to the secondary repeater in Eugene. so noted

link transmitters:

The link radio antennas have been improved from 3dB gain to 13dB gain as per the ORRC suggestion and the transmitter power reduced to 5 watts out. Link accepted into database.

Control link accepted.

From Gary Schultz, KC7TP: An Operational System Report: 443.550 MHz in Portland. so noted

From Loren Flindt, KB7APU: An Operational System Report: 440.775 MHz in Portland. so noted

Request for Coordination: A 222 MHz band repeater to be installed in Portland. CTCSS to be 136.5 Hz. Frequency pair is to be selected. Assigned 224.6 Tx / 223.00 Rx for construction.

From Matt Estes, N7YDI: 442.900 MHz system to be installed in Lake Oswego, low elevation, low level. CTCSS to be 103.5 Hz. Approved as requested, SNI to W7EXH in Eugene. Antenna not to increase in height.

From: Dale Parsons, KU6U: 224.98 MHz system to be installed in Oregon City, Oregon. CTCSS to be 88.5 Hz. Approved with CTCSS tone and 200 watts ERP maximum.

From Roger Ewing, KA7BGE: 440 MHz Band system to be installed in Salem. Valley floor elevation, 50' above the ground, 25 watts out, 150 watts ERP. CTCSS to be 186.2 Hz. Frequency pair is to be selected. 440.725 Tx / 445.725 Rx SNI KB7FMB, No 110.9 CTCSS, with tone required, 200 watts ERP maximum and stated elevation accepted.

From Scott McMahon, KG7UL: Scott, you must get co-channel letters from other 145.270 machines in Oregon and confirm with NARC in writing before construction permit will be approved for Plum Ridge in the Klamath Falls area. These were supplied.

Included are two Co-channel letters ...One from NK7J in Baker City, Oregon The other from one Ron, KJ7IY in Portland, Oregon. This co-channel letter says: Scott, please limit coverage to south of Roseburg as my machine covers Longview to south of Eugene.

Thanks, Ron ... KJ7IY

Scott is to be SNI to Portland, CTCSS tone required, 100 watts ERP maximum, no coverage North of Roseburg. Accepted with conditions noted.

From George Hickok, KC7PXF: 444.725 MHz system to be installed at Hillsboro Oregon. Valley floor, 100' above the ground, power output 25 watts, 100 watts

ERP. CTCSS is to be required, other than 136.5, 100 watts maximum ERP, repeater to be SNI to primary holders. Approved with conditions listed.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 1:00 PM.

ORRC Board:

Meeting called to order at 1:52 PM on December 14th, 2003.
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Reports:

Treasurer Richard Wilson reported \$4071 in the account.

The board received letters from John Mackey with some concerns about frequencies. These letters were addressed by the Chair and stored with the Secretary.

Standing committee report:

Special committee report on band plans:

2 meter rechannelization project: The forum continues on the web site, but no comments at this time.

900 MHz and 1200 MHz plans that have been developed will be supplied to the Washington, California, Idaho, and Nevada coordinators for comment before any decisions are finalized.

Responses will be taken for a period of time to be determined by the chair, with plans to present at the General Membership Meeting in June.

Note that band plans are part of the policies and procedures and unless changes are required by FCC then all changes to ORRC policies are determined by a vote of the regular members at annual or special meetings.

220 linking plan: No comments taken.

Unfinished Business:

Digital Archive Project: A scanner was found to cost near \$169. Other concerns are: Who is to scan, where to store the items scanned and those disks completed, how to secure the final product, what format to use for the storage. These items to be continued in future meetings.

The suggestion to donate to the BPL defense fund in support of Ham Radio spectrum was defeated due to a lack of direct relation to the business of frequency coordination and use of funds. The ORRC decided to not send money to the cause in spite of concerns about the issue.

Database: Updates are in the mail as reported by Ron. He reported that updates not active before 1999 will not be mailed due to repeated non-delivery by mail or lack of response. Some of the coordinations will not have proper data to allow mailing due to incomplete information in the database. Some repeater contact persons move without leaving the ORRC a new address.

Ron will look into the previous offer to publish the database. No action has been taken to present.

Brett will be working close with the website and Arlen, with constant changes to be expected.

Michael reported on the decoordination form. The new form was approved by the Board.

Frequency waiting lists have never been official. Some hams have told us they were on waiting lists, but the policy was never accepted in the bylaws. Due to inconsistencies in perceived policy, the board decided to eliminate any attempt at waiting lists and to delete any past entries without prejudice. In addition, we will check with the NFCC policy to determine their stand on waiting lists and returned frequencies.

Committee assigned: Ed, Johnny, and Dick to bring plans to the board to determine a method to select a new coordination holder for frequencies in demand.

Michael is to put together guidelines for a consent calendar. Web approval for non-controversial requests of the Board will allow easily decided issues by email. Any objections to such issues are to move such topics to the regular agenda of the next Board meeting.

New Business:

Michael is to send a request to the NFCC and the ARRL to inquire about VOIP and the impact on simplex use in the 2 Meter and 70 Cm bands.

January 10th, 2004 Michael will organize a meeting for the election of a Region 1 Director at Sambo's in Lincoln City.

Ed presented a reimbursement program for gas use to meetings. Mike showed that such expense would drain the ORRC bank account in about 3 years. The Board voted to bring the issue to the membership at the next General Meeting in June.

Good of the Order:

The next meeting is to be held on February 8th, 2003 at the Eugene Red Cross building, at 11 AM.

ORRC Board meeting adjourned at 4:51 PM.

Minutes submitted for ORRC Board review
Dan Bathurst
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ORRC Secretary