

Minutes of the Oregon Region Relay Council

MINUTES Approved 4-18-2004 as corrected

ORRC Board:

Meeting called to order at 11:12 AM on February 8th, 2004.
Location: the Red cross building in Eugene.

ORRC Board Members present:

Mike Hemel KB7WUK Region 3 Director & Chair
Neil McKie WA6KLA Region 7 Alternate & Operations Committee 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
Terry Shellman KB7DRX Region 6 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:

John Stein AB7F Region 3 Alternate
Kenneth Seymour KA7OSM at large Director
Steve Grajeda WB6YQP Region 5 Alternate Director

Visitors:

Chris KD7BCS
Carl W7EXH
Hugh KF7LU
Chris N7ELU
Darin N7HQR

Darin Wilson N7HQR was elected as Region 1 Director as documented and filed by the secretary. An alternate was elected, but must be an owner of a repeater and paid up with the ORRC as a member. N7HQR has done so and was seated by the Board. Mike KB7WUK will follow up on the detail in order that the ORRC can install an Alternate Director.

Consent agendas were introduced and described.

Board adjourned at 11:30, to handle operations matters.

Operations:

K7ATV Trustee of Salem ATV repeater assigned to WA7ABU per signed letter and release by previous contact person.

John Olson WA6IKO swapped the repeater pair for the 441.725 repeater to comply with current band plans.

421.850 returned to the pool by David Warner KA7IJK.

Kevin Hunt has sent a check for forms yet to be received. His applications will be tabled until the complete forms are received at the PO box.

Carl W7EXH presented a complaint concerning the 145.31 repeaters. The overlap between Portland and Eugene is not acceptable to Carl and he feels there is an unacceptable increase from the Portland area due to a move of the Portland machine. This situation has continued for several months.

The board will keep up to date on the issue and will stay in touch with the Portland operator to make sure the request is pursued. The Portland repeater is to meet levels as follows:
As measured with a ¼ wave antenna, -100db signal @ under 500' elevation, 20 miles south of the 45th parallel.

Carl left upon finishing the presentation of his complaint.

A letter addressed to Randy Silbaugh, KE7AF, explaining that his ORRC Coordination for his 53.79 MHz System, log 209, is in jeopardy because the last ORRC Annual Update Form that was received by the ORRC is dated 12/30/1989. The item was **tabled** for more research by the Chair.

A letter to K7NE has yielded similar results with the 443.300 system on Mt. Tabor and a 1999 last update. Last known addresses were written to with a returned letter in result.

The request by WA7ROB for 441.600 for use in the Scappoose area **cleared** with WWARA. Washington requests reasonable a power level of 250 Watts ERP. CTCSS to be 114.8 Hz.

Terry KB7DRX requests a low level repeater to be used on 2 Meters near The Dalles. He suggested several pairs. **Tabled** for further testing.

Johnny Jones WA6RHK requests 5 linking pairs:

70cm **accepted**.

70cm Link for Wolf Creek **accepted**.

70cm Link for Cave Junction **accepted**.

70cm Link for Wolf Creek **accepted**.

70cm Link for Ashland **accepted**.

Chris KD7BCS requests as follows:

70cm Link Wolf Creek /70cm Link Rogue River **accepted**.

444.975 at Grants Pass **accepted** SNI to KD7LDR.

442.825 repeater near Cave Junction **accepted**.

441.850 repeater near Roseburg **accepted** with 100 watts ERP, CTCSS 100 Hz.

444.775 repeater near Ashland **accepted** w/CTCSS. NARCC accepted this frequency per Brad Watson WA6AEO.

444.500 repeater Near Wolf Creek **changed** to KD7BCS ownership.

444.825 repeater near Rogue River **accepted**.

440.850 repeater near Rogue River **accepted** SNI to Cottage Grove.

Updates to follow:

KD7BCS at Phoenix; K7CPU at Hillsboro; N7ERT; KD6LVR of Albany; N7ERT of Pendleton; KC9TRX of Astoria.

The Jack Collins repeaters near Hood River on 223.640, 147.10 and 444.700 sold to Chris Nelson N7ELU. Transfer **accepted**.

Wayne Schueler AI9Q requests use of 1291.5 voice near Vancouver; also 1248.5 for data use at the same location. Frequencies were altered with approval from Wayne to: 1292.5 voice and 1299.5 data. **Accepted**

Ed K7DXV of Klamath Falls applied for 147.00 near Klamath Falls. Frequency not available - **declined** by the board.

146.70 repeater updated to near Gresham; move **accepted**.

Roger KE7BK 444.525 moved to Hillsburo from Scappoose **tabled** for coordinates.

Roger KE7BK requested a 2 MTR pair for the Portland area. **Denied** due to unavailable pairs.

Ray KD7TFZ requested a 440 pair at Oregon City. **Held** for more details, for the next meeting.

N7YAF requested a 440 pair at Sandy, coordinates needed **held** over for the next meeting.

Sharon Biser appears to need updates in data.

Meeting adjourned for Lunch at: 1:55 PM.

ORRC Board:
Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 2:47 PM at the Red Cross building in Eugene.

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Visitor:

Chris KD7BCS

Minutes of December 14th approved. The web version is otherwise approved for use on the Internet.

Reports:

Treasurer Richard Wilson reported \$4592.01 in the account, with \$130 deposits.

Standing committee report:

Special committee report on band plans:

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.

The 2400 MHz plan will have to be put on hold until the ARRL completes the current changes planned.

The 220 MHz plan linking plans are assigned to Joel.

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.

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.

Dan appointed to check on costs to archive per hour and per set up.

Inverted 440 pairs are going away quickly. Report any in your Region and work with the operators.

Database: Updates are coming in, near 300 reported by Ron. The data is to go to the ARRL soon, for the ARRL repeater guide.

The database might be furnished to another additional source if we locate the details. Ron and others to recheck for the source.

Brett is working close with the website and Arlen, with constant changes to be expected. Several changes were requested.

Web approval for non controversial items was considered. Plans tabled at this time.

VoIP on Ham frequencies was discussed. It was mentioned that the ARRL OO program more closely relates to such planning.

Ed presented a increase in dues and fees to raise funds for planned projects. The Board voted to bring the issue to the membership at the next General Membership Meeting in June. Ed will attempt to write a presentable proposal for the vote at the General Membership Meeting.

Mike presented a draft of procedures to run a mail in election for Regional Directors. The proposal passed.

New Business:

It was proposed that the ORRC needs to approach some Region 8 repeater owners to update their systems with the ORRC. This is to be written by Mike with input by Joel. The issue passed.

Region elections are coming up in the even numbered Regions. Notice must go out at least 30 days before the meeting. All coordinated repeaters can be

invited. Only the paid members of the ORRC that are from the region voting, can be counted in the elections.

Amendments for voting at the meeting will be cut off on April 14th, 2004. Notice of proposed amendments must be sent to the membership by May 13th.

Waiting list plans were presented by Ed. The plan involves a possible random selection process for selecting frequency coordinations that open up for use.

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. 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.

Should the board decide how to make a random selection process for determining new coordinations of highly desired frequencies? This question is to go to the General Membership.

Good of the Order:

The next meeting is to be held on Sunday April 18th, 2004 at the Eugene Red Cross building, at 10 AM.

ORRC Board meeting adjourned at 4:51 PM.

Minutes submitted for ORRC Board review
Dan Bathurst
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ORRC Secretary