

Minutes of the Oregon Region Relay Council

APPROVED BY THE ORRC BOARD ON October 24th, 2004

Operations:

Meeting was called to order August 8th at 10:25 AM

Location: Pendleton Justice center, Pendleton Oregon.

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

Terry Shellman KB7DRX Region 6 Director

Dick Suber K7DDI Region 7 Director

Richard Wilson KC7AM Treasurer & Region 8 Director

Mike Mullarkey K7PFJ at large Director

Ed Melnik WB2QHS at large Director to be installed

Edward Ewell K7DXV At large Director to be installed

Frank Hoffman WB7DGZ Region 2 Alternate to be installed

Absent:

Ron Polluconi KJ7IY Region 2 Director & Database Manager

Darin Wilson N7HQR Region 1 Director

Johnny Jones WA6RHK Region 5 Director

John Stein AB7F Region 3 Alternate

Steve Grajeda WB6YQP Region 5 Alternate Director

Whitley Smith KD7VX Region 8 Alternate Director

Visitors:

Doug Rider KC7JC

Wayne Schuler AI9Q

Albert Pion KK7XO

Michael Califf AB7OC

Minutes of June 13th, 2004 approved as amended. The web version is otherwise approved for use on the Internet. Several changes were noted and corrected. The abbreviated version without locations is to be published soon on the web.

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Consent agenda : approved as submitted, including:

From Mark Richardson, WA7NTU, a Coordination Termination Record for the 224.16 MHz repeater pair.

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From Russell Markwart, W7VNS, his update sheet for the 449.175 MHz system. Neil called Russ on the telephone and tried to explain the reason for changing the output to 444.175.

New Applications:

From David Morrison, W7OR, for the Columbia Amateur Radio Association - a cover letter is included:

Request 147.08 MHz - Site name: at Vernonia, 25 watts out / 60 Watts ERP, CTCSS = 114.8 Hz

2nd choice 146.82 MHz / 114.8 Hz CTCSS

3rd choice 146.92 MHz / 114.8 Hz CTCSS

declined due to overlaps in service

Request 147.08 MHz - Site name: at St. Helens, 10 watts out / 22 watts ERP, CTCSS = 114.8 Hz

2nd choice 146.82 MHz / 114.8 Hz CTCSS

3rd choice 146.92 MHz / 114.8 Hz CTCSS

Declined due to overlaps in service

Request any 440 MHz freq pair, Site name: at St. Helens, 35 watts out / 70 watts ERP. CTCSS = 114.8 Hz
Suggest 440.200 if approved by co-channel user near Oakridge, OR. **Held to approve.**

Request for any 70cm pair for linking: Columbia County, OR, antenna gain is given as 3dB, power outputs are not given. CTCSS = 173.8 Hz. **Held for WWARA Concurrence.**

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From Dan Garcia, KC7UNO, a Technical Data Form for an existing system on 442.575 MHz near Mosier, Oregon. 50 watts out / 90 watts ERP. CTCSS is required on 14 day notice. The previous system coordination holder has signed a letter releasing the frequency. **Approved.**

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From Ed Ewell, K7DXV, a Technical Data Form for the 146.74 MHz pair, near Klamath Falls, 100 watts out / 200 watts ERP. CTCSS - 100.0 Hz. **Approved.**

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Action on postponed application of Bob Thornton, KE7QP, Technical Data Form for the 147.00 MHz repeater pair using 147.60 MHz as the input. Near Lakeview, 10 watts out / 16 watts ERP. CTCSS - 100.0 Hz required, 100 Watts ERP maximum. **Approved.**

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From a Michael A. Hemel, KB7WUK, a Technical Data Form for his 1291.00 MHz repeater. A power output change from 10 to 20 watts and an antenna height change from 30' to 275' above the ground. **Approved.**

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From Albert D. Lawson, WB7AWL, a Technical Data Form for system on 441.850 MHz at Oregon City, 20 watts out / 60 watts ERP. CTCSS to be 123.0 Hz. **Approved** w/ tone required and 100 Watts maximum erp.

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From Emery Heintz, KE7YX, a Technical Data Form, for a system on 443.675 MHz , near Pendleton, 45 watts out / 90 watts ERP, CTCSS - 103.5 Hz. 1 KW ERP maximum, CTCSS required. **Approved.**

From Darrell Hagan, KA7BTU, a Technical Data Form for the 443.45 MHz pair to be installed at Klamath Falls, power output 25 watts, 45 watts ERP. CTCSS - 173.8 Hz. Maximum 100 watts ERP, **Approved.**

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Daron Wilson N7HQR was **reassigned** the frequency 440.900 MHz from the previous 441.800 due to data errors. The ORRC to offer assistance in the move.

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Move to decoordinate Brian Morris K7KSN repeater on 442.550, due to failure to respond and no signals on the air. Issue postponed to next meeting.

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Neil noted that the Pelican Bay newsletter mentions a new repeater on the air that is not coordinated.

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K7PFJ requests a 441.650 MHz repeater pair for use near Cottage Grove with 100 Hz tone. **Approved.**

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Ed Ewell noted that the Post Office has trouble handling folded 8.5 X 11 mail, and suggested use of envelopes for all mail going out.

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Doug Rider KC7JC, brought up BMUG issues and confirmed that the ORRC is the only coordinating body for Oregon.

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The Operations meeting was adjourned for Board business.

ORRC Board:

Meeting called to order at 12:15 PM on August 8th, 2004.

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Roger Ewing KA7BGE

Minutes of previous June 13th meeting read and approved as corrected.

Director Installation & Selection of Board Officers for 2004-2005 Term

Chairman - Mike Hemel KB7WUK
Vice-Chairman - Joel Determan K7TGZ
Secretary - Dan Bathurst WA7ABU
Treasurer - Richard Wilson KC7AM
Note all positions remain unchanged from previous year
Region 2, 4, & 8 Directors installed as above
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Any records of qualifications yet to be furnished to the secretary.

Reports:

Officers:

Treasurer - no major change, no report due to other ORRC duties.

Election Report for Region 6 yet to be filed.
The meeting was interrupted for lunch at 12:30.
The meeting resumed at 13:30. Brett Mueller joined as guest.

Special Committee Reports:

2m Band rechannelization Study - K7TGZ, KJ7IY, KB7WUK, & WA7ABU

No new plans offered.

900, 1200, 2400 MHz Band Plans - KJ7IY, WB2QHS, K7TGZ

No new plans offered.

Unfinished Business:

Carl W7EXH made written requests to verify past election results. KB7WUK has responded by mail.

1) ORRC Web Site :

Select new Web site Board Contact to work with Arlen-WB2QHS appointed as liaison.

2) Electronic Archival project report on Archiving costs? A scanner is in the works.

3) Inverted 70cm project, there were 22 in 04/03. Now, 16 in 04/04.

Mike KB7WUK is to write letters to operators of upside down repeaters that are out of compliance with current band plans and set up schedules for compliance with the member approved plan.

4) Recovery of 220 to 222 MHz Band

Joel was looking for ideas for raising this issue. It appears that 219 to 222 is not in use by commercial radio systems. We might make requests for that spectrum, withdrawn from Amateur Radio in the past.

5) Web approval for non controversial coordination requests. Defining the criteria for this method of processing. (tabled at last meeting)

Mike KB7WUK presented a process.

6) Method for selection of new coordination holders for returned frequencies in high demand bands. Ed WB2QHS suggested he present a modified version of a previous plan he presented.

7) Discuss creating policy specifically addressing issues involved in a transfer of a coordination. Place on the Web Page to allow all to understand ORRC procedures better.

8) Presys Contact Person - Steve KA7A is willing to continue as our contact with Presys, the company hosting our email listserver. Steve was confirmed for the year.

New Business:

1) Approval of Amended Bylaws for publishing-the mail in elections change was approved and becomes the current copy of the bylaws.

2) Review of Check and Paperwork Flow.

In April we decided checks would be deposited by the Secretary and copies of the checks would be then forwarded to the Treasurer with the deposit slips. Postcard acknowledging receipt of mail to indicate checks may be held during application processing. Indicate checks deposited will not prove that action has been taken on applications. Forms will be stamped and dated with check # on applications. Treasurer Richard to receive notice of deposits.

3) Is it time for a newsletter ? WB2QHS will collect articles from the board and assemble a newsletter for the ORRC.

