



Western Pennsylvania Repeater Council, Inc.

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Frequency Coordinator: Frank Bobro N3FB
Bylaws Committee Chairman: Jeff Blake N8PSU
Technical Committee Chairman: Kevin Custer WJ8G
Publicity Chairman: Jim Knox N5NWC
Assistant Publicity Chairman: Scott Zimmerman N3XCC

WPRC January 20, 2013 Regular Meeting NOTES Washington County 911 Center 100 West Beau Street Washington, PA 15301

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The WPRC, Inc. January 20th meeting called to order 1:30pm by Jim Knox N5NWC WPRC, Inc. Vice-Chairman. N5NWC is Acting Chairman until the Chairman election at the January meeting.

Jim N5NWC started the meeting with prayer and blessing of all in attendance asking God for guidance and support as we all strive to do the best we can in our efforts to support our fellow amateurs and support our community.

The meeting started with an around the room introduction of everyone in attendance.

1. Jim N5NWC asked to have all new members seated. Elaine K3EMM indicated we had one new member application, David Hunter N3YFO, representing the 145.390 MHz N3YFO repeater located in Johnstown, PA Cambria County. Elaine K3EMM also mentioned that we had received many renewals including new members from the last meeting.

N3XCC Motioned to accept the new member David Hunter N3YFO.

N8PSU 2nd the motion Tom K3WS called for the vote:

Voted Unanimous zero Nays and zero Abstentions

2. Reading of the November Special Meeting Minutes:

Tom K3WS, mentioned the meeting minutes from the November Special meeting were published on the WPRC, Inc. website, Facebook page, and sent to our members via our WPRCNews e-mail list. Receiving no request for corrections and with no one attending today's meeting having any revisions, Kevin WJ8G Motioned to accept the meeting minutes as published.

W3CYO 2nd the motion Tom K3WS called for the vote:

Voted Unanimous zero Nays and zero Abstentions

Tom K3WS also mentioned that members should make sure their e-mail address on file with the WPRC, Inc. is accurate so they can receive important WPRC, Inc. information and have a chance to revise notes, and provide valuable feedback between the regular meetings.

3. Treasurer's Report

Period: November 17, 2012 to January 20, 2013

Submitted: Charles Gessner W3ON Treasurer

Expenses:

Check # 1014 PA Dept. State	\$ 125.00	WPRC Inc. Reg.
Total Expenses:	\$ 125.00	

Starting Balance:	\$ 4385.20	November 17, 2012
Deposits:	\$ 505.15	Dues & Interest
Sub Total:	\$ 4890.35	
Total Expenses: -	\$ 125.00-	
Check Book Balance:	\$ 4765.35	January 20, 2013
Dues Recorded/ Not Deposited	\$ 390.00	
Ending Balance:	\$ 5155.35	

Memberships (Paid)

Regular	42
Associate	1
Rep repeaters	62

Memberships (Not Paid)

Regular	46
Associate	2
Not Rep Repeaters	80

Sam W3CYO motioned to accept report. Paul W3PLP 2nd Tom K3WS called for the vote:

Voted Unanimous zero Nays and zero Abstentions

4. Correspondence

Tom K3WS mentioned a lot of membership renewals. We have also received a lot of positive comments related to the new direction of WPRC Inc.

Chuck W3ON mentioned receiving several documents leading to a possible discrepancy related to the proper membership and trusteeship of the Quad County Amateur Radio Club repeater coordination for N3QC 147.315 Mhz. Chuck W3ON mentioned that two membership requests had been received, and processed in error, for the same repeater coordination. Chuck W3ON reported that a search of the records indicates that the Quad County ARC holds the coordination, thus it also holds the membership for this repeater. After a long discussion among the membership in attendance Kevin WJ8G Motioned to send this matter to the WPRC, Inc. Technical Committee and the Frequency Coordinator to contact the parties involved and attempt to resolve the issue.

Joe KR3P 2nd the motion Tom K3WS called for the vote:

Voted Unanimous zero Nays and zero Abstentions

5. Technical Committee Report provided by Kevin Custer WJ8G

Kevin WJ8G announced that a special 7 hour work session was held January 19, 2013 to review the backlog of some 30 open coordination items. Kevin WJ8G complimented Frank N3FB on a job well done on the new database. Kevin noted that he looks forward to the digital era when this is all more automated.

Tom K3WS asked for a round of congratulations to Frank N3FB, Kevin WJ8G, Elaine K3EMM, and Lori KB3GMU for their efforts in the 7 hour Frequency Coordinator work session. The entire group in attendance showed their appreciation with a very loud applause.

Kevin reminded us that the Mission of the WPRC, Inc. Technical Committee is to establish a support mechanism to assist the Frequency Coordinator of the WPRC, Inc. The Technical Committee should help the Frequency Coordinator in his duties, by relieving some of the responsibility for research, coverage prediction, and general logistics among many other aspects of support.

6. Public Relations Report

Jim N5NWC gave a brief public relations activity report indicating that he felt that everything was going smoothly. He stated that he did not have much more to report.

7. Old Business

Kevin WJ8G reported that, after a search of records provided by Elaine K3EMM, that Bill Timmins N3DDY was found to be in fact deceased. Kevin WJ8G further reported that there is a document stating that Robert Korbar N3MWD was to be the Trustee of 443.900 N3MWD repeater. Joe KR3P asked if there was a record of a backup trustee. Kevin WJ8G reported that a search of records showed that there is no backup trustee.

Kevin WJ8G motioned to approve final coordination of N3MWD. Jeff N8PSU 2nd the motion.

Tom K3WS called for the vote:

Voted Unanimous zero Nays and zero Abstentions

Jim N5NWC, gave a last call for old business. Cynthia WB3CNJ who had just arrived and was seated, stated an item of old business.

Cynthia requested status on her interference complaint regarding operations on 147.000 MHz by N8AD, located in Fairview PA, reportedly causing some interference to the users of the 146.985 KB3PSL repeater.

Tom K3WS asked Cynthia WB3CNJ to resend her original correspondence, as there appears to be no record received by The WPRC, Inc. Chuck W3ON asked if Cynthia or her group had attempted to contact N8AD and if so asked if Len N8AD was he ignoring their attempts to contact him. Cynthia responded "pretty much" Cynthia stated N8AD was "broadcasting HF on 147.000 Mhz" as reported to Cynthia, by Gerald KA6VPZ of Fairview PA.

Kevin WJ8G commented that it is Cynthia's or her group's responsibility first to actually contact N8AD, and document each attempt. Tom K3WS verified N8AD's e-mail address to be correct on www.qrz.com.

Tom K3WS asked that Cynthia send any information she may have on the interference to sec@wprcinfo.org. Cynthia WB3CNJ completed and turned in a WPRC, Inc. Official Record of Interference form Log number 3434.

Tom K3WS stated that any information actually received will be acknowledged, logged, and turned over to the WPRC, Inc. Technical Committee and it will receive priority attention within the guidelines of the WPRC, Inc.

Post Meeting update January 23, 2013 12:59am. After an e-mail exchange started by Tom K3WS with Len N8AD and Kevin WJ8G, Kevin WJ8G has reported that Len N8AD has agreed to move his 2 meter operations from 147.000 MHz to another frequency and apologized for any inconvenience.

8. Bylaws Committee Report

Jeff N8PSU presented information regarding the ByLaws Committee work in progress. The committee consists of Jeff Blake N8PSU, Carmine Prestia K3CWP, Alan Carnes N3FJU, Elaine Bailey K3EMM, and Cynthia Rushton WB3CNJ. Jeff also noted there has been no reply from Cynthia WB3CNJ in any attempts to contact her as a member of the committee.

Jeff N8PSU reported that he hopes to have a base bylaws document for review in the next month or so. The committee intends to utilize the new document, and wants membership input, to develop a final document that reflects operational efficiency, minimizes conflict potential and emulates an efficient structure.

General concepts include updating membership definitions and criteria, improving clarity surrounding the voting privileges of members. Additionally, the committee is discussing the addition of regional representatives to expand member representation on the board of directors. This topic will be clearly defined in the proposed bylaws document. It is clear there are multiple language conflicts in the existing constitution that, under certain circumstances, can promote and perpetuate conflict.

Jeff N8PSU complimented the transition into the new electronic automation under the leadership of Elaine K3EMM. Jeff N8PSU also highly recommends the WPRC, Inc continue to attend ham fests. Jeff N8PSU then asked for your comments and support to be sent to N8PSU@verizon.net. Jeff N8PSU reported that he hopes to be able to review a draft bylaws document at the April meeting.

9. WPRC Incorporation Status 501 c 3

Jeff N8PSU, who has handled this issue very well, reminded us that WPRC, Inc. is now officially incorporated and our non profit status will be outlined in our new bylaws.

10. Return of WPRC property

Scott N3XCC asked Joe KR3P for the transfer status of www.wprc.us to WPRC, Inc. ownership. Joe KR3P said it would be completed this month.

11. New Business

Frank N3FB the WPRC, Inc. Frequency Coordinator, thanked the team, as mentioned above, who worked with him on January 19th to help complete a lot of frequency coordination research work.

Frank N3FB read off several items and summarized some with individual resolutions. It is also noted that all coordinations listed below are in provisional decoordination status with many of them going back into the available pool on June 20, 2013. Tom W3SF stated that he thought that this good time limit before decoordination would occur. Frank N3FB noted that all listed were from returned frequency coordination surveys in which the correspondents reported that they were never going to use the coordination in the future. Bill N3BPB made the suggestion to limit provisional decoordination status to 6 months.

It was noted that just about every member in attendance made a comment related to many aspects of the conversations held related to the various cases in this bulk processing. It was with the support of all attending members we were able to come up with closure on some of the items.

421.250	W3NBN
433.100	W3GV
433.200	W3GV
433.300	W3GV
433.400	W3GV
433.500	W3GV
443.900	KO3Y
223.620	KB3BIN
53.850	KC3TN
147.330	WA3JVG
223.640	KB3BIN
446.125	KA3HUK
53.150	N3YEX

Joe KR3P motioned to apply the batch of frequencies announced to provisional decoordination status. Commented by Bill N3BPB, Tom K3WS mentioned that we will accept and hold new coordination applications on the above list in advance of final decoordination.

Scott N3XCC 2nd the motion. Tom K3WS called for the vote:

Voted 24 Aye & 1 Nay and zero Abstentions

12. W3UDX 147.360 Move 5.25 miles coordination correction

Kevin WJ8G mentioned some details regarding this frequency coordination. Kevin reported that, based on the survey received it appeared that the repeater had changed location, and thus new coordination parameters were noted that the repeater moved 5.25 miles from its previous coordination. After a lot of group discussion based of general questions.

Kevin WJ8G motioned to approve coordination move W3UDX 147.360 Mhz.

Joe K3RP 2nd the motion. Tom K3WS called for the vote:

Voted Unanimous zero Nays and zero Abstentions

13. Douglas W2CU no longer has affiliation with listed repeater W3ZIC.

Douglass Sturtz W2CU reported, via email, that he no longer has any affiliation with the Fort Venango Mike & Key W3ZIC club repeater. The frequency coordinator reported the trustee has already been transferred to backup trustee Jim Clinefelter N3BAT, although he has not returned the frequency coordination survey yet.

Bill K3BPB motioned to update WPRC, Inc. coordination records also notifying the Trustee and backup Trustee. This motion followed the recommendation of the Technical Committee.

Jeff N8PSU 2nd the motion. Tom K3WS called for the vote:

Voted Unanimous zero Nays and zero Abstentions

14. Frank N3FB in closing noted there is a lot of Frequency Coordination work to be done and a lot of data to be sent to other local councils. Thank you everyone for your help, support, and patience.

15. Open Frequency Coordination Surveys

Chuck W3ON asked for a closure date on the 33 remaining open surveys.

A lot of discussion and good suggestions came from Kevin WJ8G, and others in the audience, concerning unresolved issues and individuals via mail, our attendance at ham fests, and polling other informed members with a list of issues. Jeff N8PSU noted that he feels that we should do a yearly frequency coordination sampling rather than a 10 year survey. Paul W3PLP suggested that we review the initial list now at the meeting. Scott N3XCC stated that he thought that this was a good idea.

Tom K3WS called for a 10 minute restroom, and refreshment break.

Upon reconvening, the original list of 39 items was narrowed down to the following 27 unresolved or no response to the frequency coordination surveys. Tom K3WS mentioned that if no contact is made and the listed coordinations are not properly claimed, they will go back into the available frequency pool on June 20, 2013.

51.72	New Galille KE3ED
145.15	Derry W3CRC Supposedly to be merged with W.E.A.R.S.
145.19	Lewistown W3MMC N8PSU to contact
145.19	Parker W3ZIC Ft. Venango Mike & Key Club
145.23	Franklin W3ZIC Ft. Venango Mike & Key Club same info as 145.190
146.64	Erie KA3MJN reported off the air a long time by Cynthia WB3CNJ
146.79	Washington K3PSP
146.91	Lewistown K3DNA N8PSU to check
147.18	Greensburg W3LWW Supposedly to be merged with W.E.A.R.S.
147.18	Emporium WA3WPS
147.21	Meadville N3PYJ Supposedly relinquished to Crawford ARS
223.88	Beaver Falls W3UJT
224.04	New Castle KA3UEX
224.58	Bentleyville WA3QYV Bob W3QYV Trustee?
224.72	New Brighton N3ALL
224.80	New Castle NO3I
426.25	Carnegie W3KWH ATV repeater NO Survey Received
442.325	Cherry Hill KC8PHW
442.625	Pgh/Downtown K3DUQ Duquense Univ ARC - Trustee Cliff W3GLA & backup trustee Don N3GUZ do not respond to surveys. The repeater is off the air.
442.675	Evans City N3XCD
443.55	Reedsville KA3ANJ

443.70 MARS K3SAL
443.825 Rochester KA3RFA
444.025 New Castle KA3UEX
444.125 Oil City Ft. Venango Mike & Key Club – Same information as the 145.190 Mhz.
444.50 Erie KA3MJN
444.65 Pgh/Oakland W3VC N3HJS is taking care of this.

Tom K3WS motioned to publish this revised list of no responses to the WPRC, Inc. survey to the membership and place this list on 6 month provisional decoordination and planned return the available pool. This action follows the recommendation of the Technical Committee lead by Kevin WJ8G. Any unresolved items in this list would be returned to the coordination pool on June 20, 2103.

Scott N3XCC 2nd the motion Tom K3WS called for the vote:

Voted Unanimous zero Nays and zero Abstentions

Tom K3WS mentioned that we will accept and hold new coordination applications on the above list in advance of final decoordination.

116. Good of the council

Nothing mentioned.

17. Election of Chairman

Kevin WJ8G	Nominated	Paul Plants W3PLP	Jeff N8PSU 2 nd
Ken N3OVP	Nominated	Joe McElhaney K3RP	Monte WB3CCN 2 nd

Asked by Elaine K3EMM, both candidates accepted their nominations.
Both candidates stood and spoke on their own behalf and indicating their support of WPRC, Inc. and the members.
Both candidates answered questions from the membership present.

Election Results: Joe K3RP Received 5 Votes Paul W3PLP Received 20 Votes

18. Paul Plants W3PLP was elected Chairman to fill the remaining portion of the 2013 term. On behalf of the WPRC, Inc. Board of Directors and Committee Chairpersons, Congratulations to Paul on his new leadership position.

19. Next Meeting.

Chairman Paul W3PLP announced that the next meeting will be April 21st Franklin Township EOC & Volunteer Fire Department, 7455 New Road Edinboro, PA 16412 Confirmed as listed on www.wprcinfo.org Please visit our web site for directions and talk in information.

20. Chairman Announcements:

20a Paul W3PLP asked Jim N5NWC to serve as WPRC, Inc. Chaplin and Jim accepted this historic position.

20b Paul W3PLP stated that all committees and positions remain as is so we can continue to operate smoothly.

21. Adjournment. Sam W3CYO motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jeff N8PSU 2nd and Paul W3PLP adjourned the Meeting at 3:56 pm January 20, 2013.

Tom K3WS called for the vote
Voted Unanimous zero Nays and zero Abstentions

All WPRC meetings are digitally recorded for accuracy and quality assurance.

22. Attendance as copied from the signed attendance Log Number 3435

Tom Brew	K3WS	Member – Officer
Frank Borbo	N3FB	Member – Officer
Jeff Blake	N8PSU	Member – Committee Chairman
Elaine Bailey	K3EMM	Member – Assistant Secretary
Jim Knox	N5NWC	Member – Officer
Patty Marshall	N3XAR	Member
Charles Gessner	W3ON	Member – Officer
Sam Mayberry	W3CYO	Member
Paul Plants	W3PLP	Member – Officer
Joe McElhaney	KR3P	Member
Scott Zimmerman	N3XCC	Member – Committee Co-Chair
Kevin Custer	WJ8G	Member – Committee Chairman
Robert James	KB3USW	Member
Robert Korbar	N3MWD	Member
Bill Kristoff	N3BPB	Member
Cynthia Rushton	WB3CNJ	Member
Terry Carlson	W3GFD	Member
Joey Carlson	KB3ZRG	Guest
Monte Costa	WB3CCN	Member
Kenneth Johnson	N3OVP	Member
Sandra Johnson	N3QWW	Member
Brian Fornwalt	N3ZQY	Member
Tom Cooney	W3SF	Member
Rick Soltesz	K3SOM	Member
Elmer Plants	N3TIR	Member
Gerald Bosak	WD3D	Member
Alan Carnes	N3FUJ	Member
Lori Bobro	KB3GMU	Guest
Jack Brew	-	Guest

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Notes compiled by Tom Brew K3WS, with submissions from Kevin WJ8G, Jeff N8PSU and Elaine K3EMM with editing and formatting by Elaine K3EMM and Chuck W3ON.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Special Committees, Thank you to everyone for your continued support and assistance in the growth and continued success of the WPRC, Inc. providing effective coordination services to the amateur community.

Happy New Year See you all April ^{21st}.