



Western Pennsylvania Repeater Council, Inc.

Meeting Notes April 21, 2013 1:30PM

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Technical Committee Chairman: Kevin Custer WJ8G
Publicity Chairman: Jim Knox N5NWC
Assistant Publicity Chairman: Scott Zimmerland N3XCC

Jim Knox N5NWC started the meeting with a Prayer asking for the Lords blessing in our efforts as a group working together. Jim also asked for the Lords blessing of everyone affected by the Boston bombing.

1) Meeting Called to Order

Paul W3PLP called the Regular Meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Repeater Council to order at 1:30 PM. As with all meetings there is an audio recording that is kept on file. Log # 3513

2) Welcome and Introductions. We went around the room and introduced ourselves by name and call sign. Refer to attendance list at the end of this report. Log # 3511

Paul asked to make sure everyone has checked in with the Secretary and signed the check in sheet.

3) Approval of New Members - Chuck W3ON read off the list of new members pending approval.

Kingsley Graham W3GKE log# 3453

Mary Householder N3QCR log# 3455

Brian Leventry N3LZV log# 3501

Venango County RACES log# 3505

Motion to Approve: Terry W3GFD 2nd Gary WA3NSM Vote: Unanimous

All listed New Members Seated.

4) Reading of the Minutes of prior meeting.

Tom K3WS after pointing out the past meeting notes have been publicly published for 3 months, motioned to accept as published with no modifications. All meeting notes are published at wprcinfo.org. All meeting note update requests are accepted at sec@wprcinfo.org during the 3 months the notes are published on wprcinfo.org and elsewhere.

With some around the room discussion and a few questions and answers.

Motion to Approve: James K3TLP 2nd Joe W3BC Vote: Unanimous

5) Treasurer's Report

Date: April 21, 2013

Submitted by: Charles Gessner W3ON WPRC, Inc. Treasurer

Period: January 20, 2013 to April 21, 2013

Expenses:

Check # 1015 Chuck W3ON	\$60.44	Postage & Office Supplies
Debit FNB Bank	\$32.01	Deposit Slip Books (2)
Total Expenses:	\$92.45	
Starting Balance:	\$5155.35	(January 20, 2013)
Deposits:	\$1025.25	(Dues + Interest \$0.25)
Previously Reported Jan 20, 2013):	-\$390.00	(Deposited Jan 22, 2013)
Deposit: ARRL	\$374.00	
Sub Total:	\$6164.60	
Total Expenses: -	-\$92.45	
Check Book Balance:	\$6072.15	(April 21, 2013)

Dues Recorded/Not Deposited:	\$30.00
Cash On Hand:	\$40.00
Ending Balance:	\$6142.15

Memberships (Paid)	Memberships (Not Paid)
Regular 70	Regular 19
Associate 2	Associate 2
Rep Repeaters 112	Not Rep Repeaters 35

Motion to Approve: Bill N3BPB 2nd Tom WB3IGM Vote: Unanimous

6) Correspondence report.

Tom – K3WS mentioned that we had received and logged the following correspondence along with a few voice mails to the new WPRC, Inc. phone number. K3CPW, N3SPW-WB3EQW, N3BAT, WB3CNJ vs. N8AD, N3NKV, WB3CNJ. .PDF files on WPRC, Inc. drive.

The items listed here were all resolved or replied to between meetings and nothing here requires action in this meeting. Tom also noted that there are currently 89 log items of new business in various stages of completion since the last meeting.

Motion to Approve: Jerry WD3D 2nd Cynthia WB3CNJ Vote: Unanimous

7) Committee Reports

a) Technical Committee – Kevin WJ8G

Kevin WJ8G commented on the work-through of the back-log of items. With the progress that is being made, we should be caught up soon with both coordination requests and updated surveys. I have helped Frank N3FB write up some correspondence that accompanies initial coordinations, and helped him with some coordination tasks within our region, as well as fielded information from/to coordination bodies that surround us. I helped with two coordination disputes and helped write the resolutions for each of them. I have also been pre-screening the coordination applications for glaring inaccuracies, and where necessary contacted the prospective trustee by phone to obtain correct data. This will help streamline the coordination process and help eliminate erroneous data. I have been working behind the scenes updating several web pages to make them easier to read and understand.

b) By Laws Committee – Jeff N8PSU

Jeff N8PSU comments via electronic submission: I apologize for my absence at today's WPRC, Inc. meeting. Now that much of the dust has settled and the board and members have had the opportunity to refine the new electronic communications systems, which is working well, I feel much more comfortable that we all have a solid vision as to where the WPRC is going forward. Additionally, the technical committee and frequency coordinator are obviously working more efficiently than ever before thanks to the efforts of Frank, Kevin and the other committee members.

I have also completed a task of restructuring another non profit agency's bylaws which was the focus of many meetings that took me away from WPRC work earlier this quarter. I think that those distractions are over and I can now begin to finally focus on the WPRC.

To date, we have gathered examples from a variety of non profit organizations and have reviewed them to some degree. We have discussed membership language changes that will offer more clarity surrounding who can vote on issues. We have also looked at conflicting language in the existing document and that is a solid focus when we develop the draft documents.

As we create the revised by-laws document, we hope to provide a solid revised WPRC structure, and also empower the organization and board to establish "policy" outside the bylaws that would reflect how business is conducted on a day to day basis. Policy is more easily updated and revised and that would eliminate the need to modify the bylaws to change certain policy (ie how mail is logged, sent etc)

I hope to have a conference call with our committee in the coming weeks if we can align everyone's schedule. I want to thank Carmine, Alan, Elaine, Kevin and the BOD for offering input as we develop this document. Also, I think it is worthy to mention and congratulate the Board and the organization on the accomplishments and transparency associated with the WPRC communications both internally and externally - We are a more customer friendly and accessible WPRC today because of a solid effort with a great vision!!

Though I had hoped to offer you a document today, I was unable to meet that goal for a variety of reasons. Stay tuned for the July meeting.

c) Public Relations Committee – Jim N5NWC and Scott N3XCC

Jim N5NWC mentioned that all of his communications since the last meeting have been on e-mail and with favorable results.

Scott N3XCC comments via electronic submission: I feel that we need a new user friendly website and an easier way to maintain it more efficiently. Public relations would also be GREATLY enhanced by having a new and understandable set of bylaws. When someone has a problem with the way something was done, there can be an intelligent response complete with a quoted section of bylaws or publicly published policy to back it up.

Motion to Approve: Joe W3BC 2nd Kevin WJ8G Vote: Unanimous

Restroom Break 2:00pm – 2:15pm

Elaine K3EMM announced that the new WPRC, Inc. membership certificates are completed and may be picked up today by anyone in attendance. Remaining certificates will be mailed out. Thank you Elaine for your work on this very important project intended to recognize our membership.

8) Old Business

a) Updates on coordination surveys returned (or not) since last meeting.

Frank N3FB reported: I have completed a full audit and comparison between the paper database and the working database. I now have the forms doing the math to show feet and convert to meters. I have added a few tables to better track changes. Now there is a table that will retain all of the log numbers and brief notes as to what they were about. It is coming along, still needs more work.

I made routines to pull data and send to Google earth to help with determining distance between sites. I also have a routine that will pull data for the web site posting and a routine to pull machines that have not responded to the survey. I have 47 machines and links on that list.

Since our last meeting in January, I have sent 7 requests to surrounding coordination bodies for approval. I have approved 8 requests from the surrounding areas. I have issued 14 final coordinations. With Kevin's WJ8G help we have a cover letter that is being sent with the initial coordination forms explaining the next steps in the process. I have approved 7 initial coordinations.

I have gone from a backlog of about 12 months to a backlog of about 4 months. As I continue to refine the process of working with the database the wait time will improve.

At the last meeting, we circulated a list of machines that indicated that they were not on the air and not going to be on the air. All items not responded to are slated to be placed back into the pool June 20, 2103 as decided in our January meeting. Refer back to the meeting notes as seen at wprcinfo.org

Non-Returned 10 Year Coordination Surveys List as of April 28, 2013

***** Link frequencies removed for privacy.

	OUTPUT	Input	LOCATION	CALL	SPONSOR	County	TRUSTEE	BU	WPRC_#
L	*****		Aliquippa (RB)	N3IRI	W3UJT	Beaver	W3UJT		NA
L	*****		Monroeville	K3FZF	K3FZF	Westmoreland	K3FZF	NONE	C05-029
L	*****	*****	Irwin	W3LWW	Foothills	Westmoreland	N3FLR	K3TB	C02-292
L	*****		Greenville	KE3JP		Mercer	KE3JP		C10-033
L	*****	*****	Greensburg	W3LWW	Foothills	Westmoreland	N3FLR	K3TB	C02-001
L	*****	*****	Apollo	KR3P	KR3P	Armstrong	KR3P	N1RS	C12-035
L	*****	*****	Derry (LINK)	W3CRC	CRARC	Westmoreland	K3JDU	KE3PO	C02-155
L	*****		Oil City	W3ZIC	FVM&KC	Venango	N3BAT	None	C02-261
L	*****		Pleasantville	W3ZIC	FVM&KC	Venango	N3BAT	None	C02-262
L	*****		Franklin	W3ZIC	FVM&KC	WPA	N3BAT	None	C02-244
L	*****	*****	Parker	W3ZIC	FVM&KC	Butler	N3BAT	None	C02-357
L	*****		Pleasantville	W3ZIC		Venango	N3BAT	None	C02-281
L	*****		Erie	WB3DWL	Gannon U.	Erie	KZ3E		C02-240
L	*****		Erie	W3GV	RAErie	Erie	NI3Q	KB3A	C02-382
L	*****		Sandy Lake	WA3NSM	WA3NSM	Mercer	WA3NSM		C08-013
L	*****		Erie	W3GV	RAErie	McKean	NI3Q	KB3A	C02-377
L	*****		Utica	KE3JP	KE3JP	Venango	KE3JP	KC8FCZ	C06-050
L	*****		PACKET-MAIL FWD	KA3NVP		WPA	KA3NVP		C02-263
L	*****		Acme	W3SII	LHVHFS	Fayette	W3SII	NONE	C02-233
L	*****	*****	Albion	WA3USH		Erie	WA3USH	K8SGX	C02-222
R	51.7200	51.2200	New Galilee	KE3ED	KE3ED	Beaver	KE3ED	None	C98-151

R	53.1500	52.1500	Pleasantville	N3YEX		Venango	N3YEX		C11-017
R	145.1500	144.5500	Derry	W3CRC	CRARC	Westmoreland	K3JDU	KE3PO	C02-043
R	145.1900	144.5900	Lewistown	W3MCC	W3MCC	Mifflin	K3KDK	NONE	C04-055
R	145.1900	144.5900	Parker	W3ZIC	FVM&KC	Butler	N3BAT	None	C02-356
R	145.2300	144.6300	Franklin	W3ZIC	FVM&KC	Venango	N3BAT	None	C02-053
R	146.6400	146.0400	Erie	KA3MJN	KA3MJN	Erie	KA3MJN	N3BXL	C02-048
R	146.9850	146.3850	Edinboro	KB3PSL		Erie	WB3CNJ	N1JLG	C10-003
R	147.1200	147.7200	Pleasantville	W3ZIC	FVM&KC	Venango	N3BAT		C02-092
R	147.1800	147.7800	Greensburg	W3LWW	FARC	Westmoreland	N3FLR	K3TB	C98-116
R	147.1800	147.7800	Emporium	WA3WPS	CCARC	Cameron	N3SNN	N3FYD	C05-038
R	223.8800	222.2800	Beaver Falls	W3UJT	W3UJT	Beaver	W3UJT		C02-113
R	223.9800	222.3800	Pgh/Carrick	W3PGH	GPVHFS	Allegheny	N3BJA		C02-129
R	224.0400	222.4400	New Castle	KA3UEX	KA3UEX	Lawrence	KA3UEX	NONE	C03-082
R	224.5800	222.9800	Bentleyville	WA3QYV	M.A.R.C.	Washington	WA3QYV	KA3GIR	C02-115
R	224.7200	223.1200	New Brighton	N3ALL	N3ALL	Beaver	N3ALL	None	C03-006
R	224.8000	223.2000	New Castle	NO3I	NO3I	Lawrence	NO3I	None	C02-127
R	442.3250	447.3250	Cherry Valley	KC8PHW	KC8PHW	Washington	KC8PHW	NONE	C04-038
R	442.6750	447.6750	Evans City	N3XCD	N3XCD	Butler	N3XCD	N3YTD	C00-015
R	443.5500	448.5500	Reedsville	KA3ANJ	JMRA	Mifflin	KA3ANJ	KD3VN	C02-198
R	443.8250	448.8250	Rochester	KA3RFA	KA3RFA	Beaver	KA3RFA	W3EJS	C94-019
R	444.0250	449.0250	New Castle	KA3UEX	KA3UEX	Lawrence	KA3UEX	NONE	C03-083
R	444.1250	449.1250	Oil City	W3ZIC	FVMKC	Venango	N3BAT	None	C02-181
R	444.5000	449.5000	Erie	KA3MJN	KA3MJN	Erie	KA3MJN	WA3USH	C02-157
R	444.5250	449.5250	Pgh/W Mifflin	KA3IDK	GtwyFM	Allegheny	KA3IDK	KA3VJL	C02-196

b) Coordination Disputes 147.315 N3QC and 147.210 W3MIE

After careful discussion among the Council and James K3TLP it was stated that there is no dispute and James requested that the Council consider Log #3490 and #3491 resolved.

c) wprc.us status to transfer as agreed by KR3P at November Special meeting.

Kevin WJ8G gave the group in attendance a history lesson on this issue where a Joe KR3P was to release wprc.us back to the WPRC, Inc with full assistance of members willing to help Joe make the transfer. It was noted that the WPRC, Inc. has, to date, paid the fees related to this domain. It was on record and agreed to by Joe in previous meetings that he would complete this final transfer of our property back to the WPRC, Inc. as this was the final open issue between the Council and Joe.

Tom K3WS offered to the members in attendance two options to resolve this issue. 1. We simply ignore Joe's unfavorable actions. 2. Someone in attendance motion to terminate his membership for lack of compliance to his documented agreement with this council leaving him "Not in Good Standing".

There was a lot of around the room discussion and quite a few questions.

Cynthia WB3CNJ stood up and addressed the entire group with a long list of negative personal opinions on Joe's past actions. When done, Tom K3WS thanked Cynthia for her comments but made it clear to the group that her comments were her own personal opinions. The Council's business with Joe is clearly documented.

Sam W3CYO motioned we ignore Joe and move on with important business and let Joe KR3P someday do what is right.

Motion: Sam W3CYO 2nd Tom WB3IGM Vote: 18 Yay 2 Nay 1 Abstention

9) New Business

- a) Tom K3WS We issued log numbers 3413 – 3502 since the January meeting. (89 items)
- b) Chuck W3ON Bank signature card. All officers have now signed the bank signature card.
- c) Tom K3WS – Motioned to have Technical committee review and implement automation and database unity between WPRC, Inc. business operations and Frequency Coordination efforts.

Tom Brew K3WS made a motion to authorize and task the Technical Committee (lead by Kevin WJ8G) with the duty of evaluating and researching the best option to totally optimize the operations of the WPRC, Inc from membership application – frequency coordination application, information access and status update look up by all parties with official business with the WPRC, Inc. Noting most other Frequency Coordination Groups offer a very automated and informative database system. Our members deserve simplicity while the board and committee members deserve the same simplicity in carrying out their duties. In short we need to securely automate and bring our processing into the 21st century as also noted by Sam W3CYO. Kevin and his team are to present us the best option to accomplish this effort.

A budget will be proposed and decided on by the board. Including web site hosting, design, and updating.

Motion to Approve: Joe W3BC 2nd Bill N3BPB Vote: Unanimous

- c) wprcinfo.org renewal and/or new hosting and web site assistance. Tabled at the meeting.

10) Good of the Council

Sam W3CYO addressed the group on a recent NBEMS training session he attended hosted by Harry Bloomberg W3YJ. Sam further suggested the Council consider inviting Harry to perform his demonstration at a regular meeting. Tom K3WS mentioned he would contact and invite Harry to attend and perform his NBEMS demonstration. Here is a link to related information:

<http://wpaares.org/html/nbems.html>

11) Next Meeting July 21st Greensburg, PA 1:30pm Please visit wprcinfo.org to confirm date, location, and directions.

12) Adjournment at 3:12 PM

Motion to Adjourn: Sam W3CYO 2nd James K3TLP Vote: Unanimous

13) Attendance as copied from signed attendance Log Number 3511

Tom Brew	K3WS	Member – Secretary
Elaine Bailey	K3EMM	Member – Assistant Secretary
Kevin Custer	WJ8G	Member – Committee Chairman
Frank Bobro	N3FB	Member – Frequency Coordinator
Jim Knox	N5NWC	Member – Vice-Chairman/Chaplain
Brian Burton	KB3ORS	Guest
Terry Carlson	W3GFD	Member
Tom Orzetti	WB3IGM	Member
Judy Orzetti	KA3EAT	Guest
Bryan Simanic	WA3UFN	Member
Joe Shupienis	W3BC	Member - 2nd Rep
Gerald Bosak	WD3D	Member - 2nd Rep
Gary Chisholm	WA3NSM	Member
James Tolbert, Jr.	WW3S	Member - 2nd Rep
James Cihon	K3TLP	Member
John Salsgiver	KB3SUJ	Member
Lori Bobro	KB3GMU	Guest
Patty Marshall	N3XAR	Member
Sam Mayberry	W3CYO	Member
Cynthia Rushton	WB3CNJ	Member
Charles Gessner	W3ON	Member – Treasurer - 2nd Rep
David Wellman	WX3E	Guest
Terry Nemitz	KA3UTD	Guest
Greg Fisher	N3MHO	Guest
Doug Smith	N3COW	Member
Bill Kristoff	N3BPB	Member

Also Present but not signed in on official log:

Paul Plants	W3PLP	Member – Chairman
Jack Brew	-	Guest

Notes compiled by Tom Brew K3WS, with submissions from Kevin WJ8G, Jeff N8PSU, Scott N3XCC, Chuck W3ON, and Frank N3FB with editing and formatting by Elaine K3EMM.

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.

For those of you who are still reading, note that those who attend the next meeting and sign the roster sheet, you will also be eligible to register for drawings for some free stuff. Hmm and if all goes as we hope, there will be food!

See you all July ^{21st} in Greensburg, PA. Please visit wprcinfo.org to confirm date, location, and directions.