

Minutes of the 2009 Annual MRC Meeting August 1, 2009

Meeting called to order by Don Moore, KM0R, at 11:00 am at the Boone Electric Cooperative Community Room. The address is 1413 Rangeline St. Columbia, MO.



Self Introduction by attendees:



The minutes of the 2008 annual meeting was approved.

Treasures' report was given and approved. With previous balance of \$9,900 (see report for actual numbers). Income from ARRL Directory (\$1.00/repeater with 366 reported) for \$366.00. Return on investments of \$630.04. The current balance is \$10,900 (see report).

Bryon Jeffers, KOBSJ, introduced his new assistant coordinator James Atkins with the Missouri Highway Patrol. James will handle the southern region of the state of Missouri.

Jeff Young, KB3HF, reported that there are no two meter pairs available in the St. Louis metro area.

There were no de-coordination occurred during the past year.

Someone requested 2 meter Digital Repeaters pairs for Independence.

During the May 27, 2009 Missouri Repeater Council Board of Director's Meeting the following guidelines for Digital Systems in the 2 Meter Band was approved.

“Introduction

These guidelines apply to the coordination of digital systems. These digital systems include D-Star, P-25 and other similar systems.

Lower 2M Channels (144.60-144.90, 145.20-145.50)

1. Systems to be coordinated on standard 20 KHz channels if available. Current adjacent and co-channel separations are to be used.
2. Systems to be coordinated on 10 KHz offsets as second choice using an adjacent channel separation distance of 65 miles or greater and a 120 mile co-channel separation.

Upper 2M Channels (146.01-146.37, 146.61-147.39)

1. Systems to be coordinated on standard 15 KHz channels if available.
2. 7.5 KHz offsets will not be used.

Standard Channels not Available

If standard channels are not available, the digital systems may be coordinated on the following channel pairs until standard channels are available.

Output Frequency	Input Frequency
146.4500	147.4500
146.4600	147.4600
146.4700	147.4700
146.4800	147.4800
146.4900	147.4900

1. The above frequencies are to be digital only, no analog systems shall be coordinated on these channel pairs.
2. The channels shall be coordinated based upon a co-channel separation of 120 miles and an adjacent channel separation of 65 miles.
3. Systems coordinated on these pairs would have priority access to standard pairs (15 KHz, 20 KHz or 10 KHz) when they become available or alternatives are developed.”

SNAP Frequency are available.

Notification will be given for digital operations to move to standard frequencies.

A discussion of ARES Frequencies: (nine districts) and public frequencies interference. MS-150 uses these frequencies.

The board of director's proposed De-Coordination Procedures were presented for the council's approval.

Bryon Jeffers, KOBSJ, read and reviewed Procedures. - Part 1
(see separate document)

Don Moore, KMOR, read and reviewed Procedures - Part 2 concerning repeaters off the air.

In response to a question about notification to surrounding repeater owners of a repeater going dark (off the air), it was noted that MRC has no responsibility. This would be up to the individuals involved to handle this activity, especially the availability of equipment which would be private property of theirs.

In response to a question about the official trustee of a repeater, it was noted the documentation any change in trustees is necessary. The president of club sponsored repeater call is required on the 610 form before it goes into the FCC database. In some cases this will need to be done on an individual basis.

Don asked if there was any question on the De-Coordination Procedures. One member noted that all members may not have email addresses. The procedure accounts for this condition with follow-up paper mail and certified mail.

It was moved by KOKL and seconded by W5USI to approve the De-Coordination Procedures as written (with correction) and read.

The president, Don Moore, asked if there was any further discussion. Hearing none, the vote was called for and procedures passed with a unanimous vote in favor of the motion. It was noted that the corrected version will be available.

Don asked if there were any items that need to be revisited, like from previous meetings. A question about PL tones requirements was addressed. There is a map on the website which shows the suggested PL tones by area. The map is a suggestion of appropriate PL tones. They are not required, but they are good engineering practices.

Don then asked for new items that need to be brought before the council. Hearing none.

The president and treasurer positions are up for re-election this year. These positions have a two year term. Don has consisted for re-election as president and Roger has consisted for re-election as treasurer. Other nominations were requested from the floor. It was moved and seconded that the nominations close. It was also moved and seconded that Don and Roger be elected by acclamation. All voted in favor.

A third position needed to be filled with the retirement of Mike Blake. This position is for member-at-large for a three year term. There are three member-at-large positions. We elect a member-at-large which is not officers every year to provide for a three year rotation. George Schindler, WBOIIS, was nominated with a second. Ray Brown, KBOSTN, was nominated with a second. Bob Garavaglia, WBOQXW was nominated with a second. Motion to close nomination was made. The three candidates were invited to leave the room. Excellent presentations for all three candidates were made. The call for vote on all three individually was taken. The results were that George Schindler, WBOIIS, became the new member-at-large.

There was discussion of the annual meeting of the Missouri Repeater Council. It was suggested that the meeting be held centrally and not during a hamfest (less distractions). The annual meeting will be held on the first Saturday or August in Columbia, Missouri which is at the president's discretion.

Non council item was the announcement that the Winter Fest will not be the first weekend in January, but the second weekend in January for the next three years because of how January first falls.

Tom Eagle, KOJPR, commented on the outstanding work of the board during the last year,

especially the work on the Digital Frequency Standards and the De-coordination Procedures.

A question on the effective date of the De-coordination Procedure was brought up. With the vote in favor today, it is now in effect.

It was moved and seconded to close the annual meeting. Appreciation was expressed for those who took time to attend and participate in the meeting.

Submitted by Tom Eagle, KOJPR, secretary.

List of attendees from the sign in sheet.

WBOIIS George Schindler

KOGOB Roger Volk

KBOSTN Ray Brown

WBOQXW Bob Garavaglia

KBOUTK Paul Doran

N0UHJ Joseph Anthony Yanko

WDOEFP Mike Moore

WOOSQ Jim Berg

KBOMWA Bill Coby

KCOPYJ Gergrey Sherwood

NOPNP William Grimsbo

KB3HF Jeff young

NORIJ Gary Welsh

KCORKY Larry Gregory

NORWW Paul Doi

W5USI Ted Craven

WOVSK Gordon Buckner

WORSS Rich Spector

KOKL Ed Karl

KBONHX James Adkins

KDOEAG Dave Witten

K4LSU Craig klimezail

NOPBM Gary LaForce

NOYI L. Scott Portz

KOBSJ Bryon Jeffers

KMOR Don Moore

KOJPR Tom Eagle