

MISSOURI REPEATER COUNCIL, Inc.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES

February 25, 2012

Meeting was called to order by MRC President, Don, KMØR, at 1145 CST. Other board members in attendance were Bill, NØPNP; Roger, KØGOB; George, WBØIIS; Jeff, KB3HF and Gary, NØPBM.

Agenda topics were:

1. NFCC candidate voting
2. Annual Update forms
3. 2012 Annual meeting date
4. Database update
5. Geographic area coordination responsibilities
6. Resumption of dues

NFCC Elections

After discussion the MRC Board voted for the following candidates:

- Frank Lynch - SERA
- Ken Kopp from Montana
- Mark Stennet - Texas VHF-FM
- John Gebhur from Nebraska
- Charlie Sears from Indiana

Annual Update forms

Almost 50% of the Contact individuals have not responded to the Annual Update request. Jeff, KB3HF, suggested sending a letter to each delinquent system indicating that their repeater will not be listed in the repeater directory if they do not respond to the on-line or paper update request. The MRC would lose \$1.00 for each repeater deleted from the ARRL *Directory*, but it may be worth it for one year. The use of the de-coordination process is more costly, especially for a hundred or more letters. Mike, WDOEFP, suggested that the MRC use a post card to contact the delinquent individuals as it is less expensive.

It was decided to send a post card to the FCC address of record for the trustee of each delinquent repeater system as all Amateurs are required to keep the FCC informed of their mailing address. The post card will state that their repeater will not be published in future directories if they do not update their MRC record. The post card will refer them to the on-line update site to make the update as easy as possible and to obtain their valid email address for future correspondence and updates.

2012 Annual meeting date

The annual MRC meeting will be held in Columbia, MO on the last Saturday in July or one of the first two Saturdays in August depending on meeting room availability.

Database Update

Don, KM0R, and Roger, KOGOB, updated the Board on the progress of the on-line database. The repeater link information has been resolved and all links are now associated with a repeater. All public lists now sort in the correctly; leaving only some header cleanup to complete the public view of the database.

Viewable changes are still pending to reduce the CTCSS code from four digits to the right of the decimal to one and to truncate the Lat/Lon coordinates to five digits to the right of the decimal.

Last year the decision was made not to have the database locate repeaters on a map due to the increase in vandalism and theft of remote machines. However, the coordinators could use that feature to verify that an existing repeater is where it claims to be and to verify the proposed location of new machines. Therefore, the MRC will request that feature be added to the coordinators only view of the data.

Jeff, KB3HF, more clearly explained how the Great Circle coordinates are used during the coordination process. The MRC has asked the developer for a cost estimate to incorporate the process in the new database.

Geographic area coordination responsibilities

The description on the web page concerning the area of responsibility of the assistant coordinators is unclear. After a brief discussion, it was decided that Jeff, KB3HF, will be responsible for coordination in the EC and SE areas and James, KB0NHX, will be responsible for the SW and SC areas as shown on the web page map. The state-wide coordinator, Brian, KOBSJ, is responsible for all of the other areas of the state.

Dues

The development of the new MRC web page and on-line database has depleted the treasury. Costs will be incurred to make the coordinator enhancements and on-going updates and bug fixes. Per the minutes of the 2001 Annual MRC Meeting, dues can be reinstated when the treasury drops below \$5,000. The Board agreed to put this issue on the agenda for the 2012 Annual meeting. The MRC will ask the developer to determine how to incorporate PayPal into the database to provide the members with an easy way to submit their dues.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Don, KM0R, thanked the Board Members for participating and adjourned the meeting at 1207 CST.