

MISSOURI REPEATER COUNCIL, Inc.
ANNUAL MRC MEETING MINUTES
28 July 2012

The meeting was called to order by Don Moore – KM0R (President) at 11:00 am at the Boone Electric Cooperative Community Room at 1413 Rangeline St., Columbia, MO.

Each of the 21 members in attendance introduced themselves and indicated where they were from and which repeaters they represented.

The minutes of the 2011 MRC Annual Meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

Balance 7/1/11	\$5,997.47
Income:	\$377.00
Expenses:	\$61.87
Balance 7/1/12	\$6312.60
Increase over last year	\$314.63

Treasurer's report was approved as read.

Roger, KØGOB, indicated that the balance in the Treasury is expected to fall below \$5,000 during the next year as enhancements to the database are made to assist the coordinators in locating new or relocated repeaters. When that happens, the motion approved at the 2001 Annual MRC meeting to suspend and then to automatically reinstate due will take effect. A PayPal payment option is expected to be in place when the dues are reinstated.

Coordinator's Report:

Bryon, KØBSJ, gave the coordinator's report. Many new 440 repeaters have been coordinated during the past year. A few pairs on 220 and 50 MHz have also been requested. There is interest in the Kansas City area to utilize the 2-mtr narrow band frequency pairs to activate one or more repeaters using the mototurbo protocol.

The subject of repeaters that are off the air with trustees wanting to "hold" the frequency for future use came up. Bryon pointed out that the Amateur radio frequencies are a scarce resource, allocated for use by all licensed operators and that a person cannot hold a space for future use. The MRC will de-coordinate repeaters that are off the air when such knowledge is brought to their attention.

Bryon commented that he is aware that some past correspondence was not completed in a timely manner. His work assignment has changed and he anticipates that future correspondence will be handled promptly. (Note: All MRC officers, directors and coordinators are volunteers who receive no pay or reimbursement for expenses. – Ed.)

A member requested a discussion concerning how the coordinators determine when to use the 90 mile vs the 120 mile distances for on-channel spacing of repeaters. The standard spacing is 120 miles. Coordinators have the flexibility to look at reducing that distance based on a number of parameters. Obviously ERP and HAAT are major constraints as are remote receivers coupled to one or both of the machines in question. All coordinators use a sophisticated software program to assist them in determining signal strength between on-channel repeaters to provide an indication of possible interference to both base and mobile users.

A member commented that it would be nice if sub-audible (CTCSS) tones used in each of the eight areas of the state would be consistent. Bryon pointed out that the use of tones is voluntary and repeater owners can choose from the published "suggested list". It was further pointed out that due to band openings that the CTCSS tones may have to be different to prevent two on-channel repeaters from keyed by the same user station.

A member noted that he was not able to read a specific document on the MRC web page. It was noted that a combination of Browser, OS and Adobe Reader release was probably the cause. Member commented the MRC should say something to that effect on the Web site.

Finally, Bryon commented that it is the repeater Trustee's responsibility to keep his phone and mailing contact information up to date in the MRC database for timely correspondence.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Election of Officers:

The term of office for the Vice President, Secretary and one Director will expire at the close of the meeting. The following individuals were nominated:

Vice President:	Gary LaForce, NØPBM
Secretary:	Bill Grimsbo, NØPNP
Director:	George Schindler, WBØIIS

Motion made, seconded and passed to close the nominations. There being only one nominee for each open position, a motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the slate by acclamation.

Good of the Order:

Roger, KØGOB, informed the members that when his term as Treasurer expires in 2013, he plans on retiring from the position held since 1989 (24 yrs). Members should identify a qualified replacement before the next MRC Annual meeting.

Good comments about the new MRC Web page were received.

Winterfest will be physically 50% larger with more tables for individuals and vendors.

President thanked everyone for taking the time to attend the MRC Annual Meeting.

Motion made, seconded and passed to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:03 pm.

Submitted by,
Bill, NØPNP
MRC Secretary