

# MISSOURI REPEATER COUNCIL, Inc.

## BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES

August 3, 2013

Meeting was called to order by MRC President, Don, KMØR, at 12:30 CDST. Board members in attendance were Bill, NØPNP; Roger, KØGOB; George, WBØIIS; Jeff, KB3HF; and Gary, NØPBM.

### 2013 Annual Meeting Review

Attendance was poor, but those in attendance were active participants. Issues to be addressed by the Board are coordination transparency, individual workload and DB enhancements.

### Database Update

The programmer has left the development firm. The firm has not kept its time commitments and the only deliverable in 2013 was six months late. Other scheduled enhancements have not been started. Now may be the best time to consider changing vendors. Since Jeff and Roger will be the main reviewers of the work at this point, it was decided to consider moving the development work closer to St. Louis. Roger has been satisfied with the deliverables on other projects from a firm called The Miller Group. Jeff and Roger will contact them to determine their interest, charges and timing. It would be nice if the dues information could be operational prior to the 2013 collection. A PayPal account would also be nice.

### Coordination Transparency

At least one member has complained that coordinators give themselves preference when coordinating new repeaters where pairs are limited. No firm evidence has been presented or found during internal reviews, but we should strive to be as transparent as possible when working with repeaters and/or links associated with elected or appointed officials. Toward that end, it was decided that no coordinator should coordinate his own systems or links, or coordinate systems or links for a club or group with which he holds any affiliation. Standard application should be made to another coordinator for approval. This would put the application on equal status with those submitted by the general membership.

### Volunteer's Time

All MRC officers and coordinators are volunteers. Their MRC hours must be squeezed in between work, family and leisure activities. Several longtime volunteers have recently retired and either have or are in a position to devote more hours to MRC work. The coordinator's position is the "face" of the MRC to the members. To off-load some hours from volunteers who are still employed full time, the Board asked recently retired Jeff, KB3HF, if he would be willing to swap positions with Bryon, KØBSJ, and become the MRC State Frequency Coordinator. He agreed. After this swap, Bryon will be responsible for the NW and WC areas of the state, while James, KBØNHX, will continue to coordinate systems in the SW and WC areas.

### Adjournment

There being no further business, Don, KMØR, thanked the Board Members for participating and adjourned the meeting at 1:18 CDST.

Submitted by,  
Bill, NØPNP  
MRC Secretary