

MISSOURI REPEATER COUNCIL, Inc.

ANNUAL MRC MEETING MINUTES 2004

August 21, 2004

1. The President, KMØR, called the meeting to order at 11:15 AM
2. Everyone introduced themselves and stated where they were from and what repeater or repeater system they represented. There were 28 individuals present.
3. There were no minutes from the previous meeting as the secretary was not present
4. The treasurer, KØGOB, reported that the MRC ended the year with \$111.79 more than the beginning. Total balance was \$8,579.38 as of 8/21/04.
5. The frequency coordinator, K4CHS, reported that everything was fine in the coordination area. Several 2-mtr frequencies have been returned to the pool and have been reassigned to those who have been waiting. No known uncoordinated machines have been reported. The annual update forms will be sent out later this year. Electronic updates will be tried on a limited number of systems.
6. The frequency coordinator commented that interference complaints would not be considered unless the repeater was using CTCSS. While CTCSS is not mandated by the MRC at this time, the high density of signals in some of the cities makes it desirable to use the sub-audible feature found in many of the machines or controllers.
7. Discussion moved to the possibility of changing the MRC band plan on 2-mtrs to allow more machines by limiting the deviation to 3 KHz on 12.5 KHz channel spacing. There are no plans to make that change at this time.
8. The assistant frequency coordinator, KB3HF, noted that a large number of 900 MHz commercial rigs are becoming available to Amateurs. These rigs can easily be modified for Amateur service on standard splits of 25 MHz. Three repeaters in the state have been coordinated, under a special exemption, with this split. Current MRC guidelines call for 12 MHz split. Motion made, seconded and passed to change the 900 MHz repeater split to 25 MHz.
9. K4CHS made a presentation to the past MRC president, KCØWX, for his 20 years of leadership and service to the MRC. Ken was not present, but the plaque will be given to him at the Grandview Hamfest.
10. The current MRC vice president, NØQBF, is moving out of state and has resigned. The floor was opened for nominations for the VP position. Bill Grimsbo, NØPNP, was nominated and seconded. There being no other nominations, Bill was elected by acclamation. Congratulations!
11. There being no other business, KMØR closed the meeting at 11:45 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Roger H Volk, KØGOB
Acting Secretary