

MRC Board of Directors Meeting

October 14, 2020 at 7 PM via Zoom

1. Present: George Schindler, Dan Nichols, James Adkins, Dan Busse, Eric Cook, Scott Portz
Absent: Cecil Higgins, Jeff Young
2. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the open coordinator's position with the resignation of Jeff Young as Statewide coordinator and other items concerning the business of the organization.
3. Dan Nichols, who also indicated that he wants to resign as a coordinator, graciously agreed to stay on and help Eric if he could get some assistance and guidance from Eric.
4. James Adkins agreed he would assist and guide Dan with coordination.
5. We also discussed that the existing coordinators should be testing out the tools to determine the status and provide feedback. James agreed to help since he was past coordinator. James access will be elevated so he can look at the tools and assist Dan with coordination.
6. Eric Cook brought up the need to establish a budget for the MRC. Particularly around finishing up the development work on the coordination tools in the database application. Dan Busse agreed and would develop the budget.
7. I was agreed to discuss a dues or other assessment after the budget is established. One suggestion was a one time assessment to finish the database work and then a re-evaluation of the dues structure.
8. Discussion was held around what was left to do. George Schindler and Dan Busse agreed to get with Jeff Young, Roger Volk and the developer to determine the items left to finish, the time and the cost.
9. It was agreed to send out a repeater trustee/owner update campaign to update the contact information in the database. If no one responds, we will then take steps to ascertain if there is a trustee. If no trustee can be located, the MRC may elect to de-coordinate the repeater. This update campaign would go out late November 2020 with a December 15, 2020 response deadline. George Schindler will write up the verbiage for the campaign email and send to board for review.
10. Discussion of the update campaign brought up the point that an automatic password reset function was needed. No one at the meeting could remember if it had been implemented and was working. (Note: there is an automatic password reset function available, we need to verify that it is working)
11. The board then turned its attention to what could be done to get more repeater trustees/owners involved in the organization. This is important to ensure the continuity of the organization. James sent out an email with some of his thoughts to the board members.
12. Items discussed were:
 - a. "Area Representatives" to assist the coordinators efforts. An amateur or multiple amateurs are needed in the various areas as defined on the Area Map to help with contacting local amateurs or clubs, validating repeater operation and to provide MRC representation in the given area.
 - b. Hamfest presenters from the MRC. We need to get before the members at various hamfests to present the MRC.
 - c. On-line presentations sponsored by the MRC on repeater systems, digital and other topics to educate the amateur community.
 - d. A Missouri Clubs page on the MRC website that provides information on Missouri Clubs and links to club websites.

e. A groups.io group for Missouri Repeater Trustee/Owners to communicate amongst the group.

13. The meeting was adjourned.