

BirminghamFest ARC
Meeting Minutes
May 2009

The meeting of the Alabama Repeater Council was called to order by David Drummond, W4MD, ARC President at 1PM.

Frank Butler, W4RH from the Florida Repeater Council was recognized in attendance

Recap of Greenville Hamfest (01.31.09) and minutes were read and approved with two corrections as noted by Frank, W4RH

David, W4MD noted he was working on a newsletter and would hopefully have one by Huntsville's meeting.

Kirk Junkin, N4KRJ, secretary / treasurer reported current balances of accounts:

Checking: \$ 2818.89

CD Balance: \$ 5614.45

He noted that the checking balanced reflected all recent deposits and ARRL check.

Howard Grant, K4WWN made the coordinators report:

About 10 applications pending for re-coordinating, relocated systems or updates.

About 43 of 500 repeater listings do not have updated information. They will not be de-coordinated, but will go into "suspect off air" status and be dropped off of the next ARRL Directory Listing. He will then follow up with each system before proceeding with de-coordination. List of repeater systems was distributed and included with these minutes.

Other items of discussion:

Southern Baptist D-Star system was operating in the Birmingham area. Were working on systems in the 440 and 1.2 GHz range. Considering 145.34 as an experimental uncoordinated pair; awaiting waiver or further information.

Additional discussion was made about Mr. Fowler concerning the 145.19 repeater pair. David Drummond, W4MD has had multiple conversations with all parties involved. There was an issue with mail rejection due to improper ARC procedures. The original repeater pair was assigned to Mr. Stanley Reynolds. Mr. Fowler has attempted to manage the system. Mr. Fowler has made attempts to communicate concerning issues, but is not the Holder of Record, nor trustee of the pair. Ron Arant, N4PHP acknowledged Howard Grant's role in representing the ARC and working within the guidelines of ARC policies.

Directors Reports:

Steve Flory, W9KOP – no report

Ron Arant, N4PHP – DStar system in Birmingham area may move

Jack Evans, KC4PZA – increase coverage by NWS in metro area being accomplished though linking systems from around region.

Rusty Hoty, KG4QBE – Dan James, NU4A, 145.39 is off air and in need of assistance to repair.

Wiely Boswell, KE4LTT – nothing to report. All is well in Montgomery area. “7.18” repeater back on the air. Will check to see how area DStar systems are progressing.

Bob Luman, W4MPQ – “67” back off air; antenna issues. Andalusia has antenna problems. Troy if OK. DStar system in Greenville in the works.

Meeting was dismissed at 2:55 PM