

Alabama Repeater Council Meeting Minutes

Montgomery Hamfest 2005

1. Welcome and Address to Repeater Users.
 - a. Howard Grant, K4WWN opened the meeting at 11:00 a.m. and passed around an attendance sign-in sheet.
 - b. Howard announced that absence of the other officers due to other commitments.
 - c. Distributed badges to Directors.
2. Approval of Huntsville Hamfest meeting minutes. Howard stated that he did not have a copy of the minutes, but that they were posted on the ARC website. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Approved without objection.
3. Treasurer's report. Howard announced that the treasurer is not present and the bank balance is \$6259.60
4. President's Report:
 - a. Howard Grant reported on behalf of the absent missing officers.
 - b. Map Project Update. The remaining maps are for sale at the reduced price of \$15. (Sold one to this writer after the meeting.)
5. Coordinator's Report. Howard reported that he has published a list of unresponsive UHF repeater trustees. This list is a part of the clean up effort and represents frequencies coordinated prior to 2002. Howard solicited suggestions for the next step in dealing with the unresponsive trustees. A member suggested that the frequencies be made available for recoordination with an alternate frequency available should the trustee respond.
6. Directors Reports:
 - a. Northern Region
 - b. North Central Region
 - c. South Central Region
 - d. Southern Region Bob Luman, W4MPQ reported on the progress of work on repeaters in Greenville, Troy, and Andalusia. The Greenville Hamfest will be in Greenville on January 28, 2006 at the fairgrounds one mile east of exit 128 of I-65. The VFW will provide a building for testing. Talk-in on 146.88.
7. Old Business:
 - a. Howard distributed copies of the Constitution of the Alabama Repeater Council, as amended on June 11, 1994.
 - b. Grants to Toys for Katrina Victims: It was moved and seconded that the Treasurer and the officers decide an appropriate amount to donate.
 - c. The discussion of which parts of the web page should be private, was tabled. Howard did mention that Ron [Shaffer] had suggested the public have access to a condensed repeater listing.

8. New Business:

Howard and Frank Butler discussed the power limitations in the 440 band to protect certain military radars. Howard distributed a map depicting a 124 mile limitation around Macon, GA. Frank pointed out that a similar limitation exists around Eglin AFB and all such restrictions are posted in the FCC Part 97. (See the article on the bottom of the ARRL home page, www.arrl.org.)

Respectfully submitted, 12 Nov 05

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