

Alabama Repeater Council Meeting Minutes – Birmingham HamFest, March 2, 2012

The meeting was called to order by David Drummond, W4MD at 9:04 a.m. The minutes from the previous meeting, Montgomery HamFest was read, approved.

Presidents Report given by David Drummond, W4MD:

David recapped the meeting at the Montgomery HamFest, and indicated the next meeting would be Greenville, Alabama on May 5, 2012. Bob Luman is working on getting the room and making arrangements for the meeting. 2012 Elections will take place at the Huntsville Hamfest in August. The ARC website indicates the Director Offices that are up for election.

Vice - Presidents Report given by Bill Clingan, KC0ONR:

No significant activity to report. VHF frequency pairs are full in Northern areas of state.

Treasures report given by Kirk Junkin, N4KRJ

2011 EOY Financials Statement was submitted and approved.

Current checking balances as of March 2, 2011: Main Checking: 3112.56

Cert Deposit: 5775.30 **8887.86**

Discussion was made over the status of the banking accounts. The Main Checking account was terminated with BBVA Compass on 10.10.11 after ARC discussion and direction in late 2010. All funds were transferred over to Regions Bank. The Main Certificate of Deposit at BBVA was to be transferred out the week of November 27, 2010, however due to uncontrollable circumstances, Kirk, N4KRJ was unable to transfer. Next window is 6.27.12, and will be transferred into the Regions account.

Frequency Coordinator report given by Howard Grant, K4WWN

The file for the ARRL Directory has been submitted.

Howard as received previous requests for ARC data, for mapping and plotting repeater sites and coverage. Howard added that ARC does not provide that information.

VHF Repeater Pairs are so tight throughout most of the State that its even hard to move or relocate pairs.

Howard reviewed the coordination process during the discussion. ARC website contains all tools necessary.

No new D-Star requests.

Continued discussion on narrow-banding, but no new news about requirements or even if needed by ARC.

There is still an unresolved issue with the "76" machine in the Birmingham area, but ARC is working through issues as they arise.

Directors Reports:

Northern Region

Ralph Hogan (W4EXS) - No major issues he is aware of.
Steve Flory (W9KOP) - Area been busy over the last few days. No major issues.

North-Central Region

Jack Evans (KC4PZA) - No major issues he is aware of.
Lester Crane (WA4CYA) - New UHF in Springville coming online. Explained issues with 145.35 (KX4I)
* FAA contacted KX4I about interference issues he and others are working through to resolve.

South-Central Region

Tommy Golden (W4WTG) - York system was moved to new locaton.

Southern Region

Bob Luman, W4MPQ – No major issues. Andalusia repeater seem OK.
Greenville D-Star ongoing configuration, setup and installation.

General Discussion:

Frank, discussed and explained that Florida was working towards dividing 2Meter band into spit channels

Not much discussion or activity from SERA.

Meeting adjourned 9:48 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Kirk Junkin, N4KRJ

Meeting Attendance:

K4WWN, Howard Grant
W4MPQ, Bob Luman
WA4CYA, Lester Crane
KCOONR, Bill Clingan
N4VCN, Jacque Flory
W9KOP, Steve Flory
N4BWP, Brian Poellnitz
N4KRJ, Kirk Junkin
KC4PZA, Jack Evans
W4MD, David Drummond
W4RH, Frank Butler
W4XE, Ralph Hogan
W4WTG, Tommy Golden
WB4BYQ, Richard Battles
KD9Q, Rich Ranson
W3CO, Dave Robertson

Dues Paid:

20.00 Bill & Stan Hurst (W4VCC)
10.00 Jack Evans
10.00 Dave Robertson
10.00 Lester Crane
10.00 Howard Grant
20.00 Steve and Jacque Flory
10.00 Ralph Hogan
10.00 Tommy Golden

100.00 Cash Dues Paid