

Alabama Repeater Council

Meeting Minutes

Montgomery Hamfest – November 8, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 11:05 by David Drummond, W4MD. After a few opening remarks, the Minutes from the previous meeting (Huntsville) were distributed, read and approved.

W4MD, Presidents Report – Reminder that Elections are scheduled in 2015 for officers David, W4MD, Kirk, N4KRJ, and Vice President. Bill, KCOONR has expressed to David that he will not seek reelection in 2015 as Vice President. Director positions currently held by Ralph Hogan, W4XE, Lester Crane, WA4CYA, Tommy Golden, W4WTG, and Ben Baldwin, WX4MOB will be up for election. All elections will take place at the 2015 Huntsville Hamfest.

KCOONR, Vice-President Report – No report

N4KRJ, Treasure Report – Membership running about normal for ARC (36 paid members with 5 clubs). Normal expenses related to travel for Hamfests, and Howard Grant, K4WWN repeater update mail outs.

As Of November 7, 2014:

CHECKING: \$3225.85 SAVINGS: \$5786.91

K4WWN, Frequency Coordinator – Continues to process returned mailings for the repeater updates. Sent out about 630 repeater update requests with just over 300 letters. Howard briefly discussed the update procedure, in that the reminder of the new procedure that coordinated repeater trustees must submit renewal requests every 5 years, beginning with 2014 updates, otherwise be subject to de-coordination.

Howard has received about 400 repeater responses, with only just a handful of letters returned for incorrect mailing information. Those trustees that do not respond will receive a second letter, and then are subject to be submitted to the ARC Directors for de-coordination, with a letter notifying of the de-coordination at that time.

Howard provided updates on coordination activities since the Huntsville Hamfest. Which include activity in Loxley, Troy, Pell City, Huntsville, Decatur, and Littleville. Howards written notes are on file with these minutes.

Howard has been invited to attend the SERA Conference in Pigeon Forge, TN, but will most likely not attend due to time constraints and costs involved.

Question was raised for Howard obtaining an Associate Membership to SERA, as Frequency Coordinator of ARC. After Discussion, it was motion and approved that Howard would apply for the membership, and be reimbursed for the \$20.00 cost via ARC.

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Directors Reports

Jack Evans – No issues. Working on Yeasu Fusion repeater for the “.32” machine in Shelby County.

Bob Luman – A UHF machine in his area, somehow was coordinated even while on the same co-channel as Crestview, FL. The UHF machine is moving less than 3 miles due to an access building relocation. Andalusia may also move to a new tower.

General Discussion

Kirk, N4KRJ provided updates on the ARC website. Keeping it current with paid membership lists and any forms needed for coordination and membership requests.

David, W4MD inquired with Bob Luman about the Greenville Hamfest. Bob said that something may be in the works, and will let ARC know if it develops.

The next scheduled meeting is Birmingham, AL in March 2015.

Mike Hartman – President of the Mobile ARC, was in attendance and discussed the upcoming Mobile Hamfest in April 2015. He offered to host the ARC at that event, and will work with David and others, to see if it is a viable alternative if other meetings such as Greenville fall through.

David stressed the importance of everyone helping to self-police any paper repeaters. The update process should help eliminate those, provided the respondents are correctly reporting machines that are on, or off the air.

Additional discussion about the Yeasu Fusion repeaters that are popping up around the state and how ARC should approach coordinating the frequencies for analog and/or digital use. Additional discussion was planned for Birmingham, 2015.

Meeting was adjourned at 12 pm.

Kirk R. Junkin, N4KRJ

ARC DUES PAID: (30.00)

10.00 Jack Evans, KC4PZA

10.00 Benny Barnes, KJ4MTX (delivered by Howard)

10.00 Jackie Chaffin, WB4ZNQ (delivered by Howard)

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Those in attendance:

Kirk Junkin, N4KRJ
Jack Evans, KC4PZA
Mike Hartman, K4MR
Dennis Littleton, K4DL
Kris Kirby, KE4AHR
Bob Luman, W4MPQ
David Key, KD4LZN

Tommy Howell, KG4MPU
Frank Butler, W4RH
Howard Grant, K4WWN
David Drummond, W4MD
Chris Johns, KI4GGH
Zachary Martin, KK4STI