

# Huntsville Hamfest

## August 19, 2017

Meeting was called to order by Dennis Littleton, K4DL at 1pm.

Minutes from the Mobile Hamfest were reviewed and approved.

Dennis Littleton made mention that the representative from RFinder was in attendance, and appreciated him being involved in the meeting.

Kirk Junkin, N4KRJ made the Treasures Report as of August 18,2017.

Checking Account: \$3889.52 Savings Account: \$5788.54

Dennis Littleton opened discussion over the vacant position of Vice President. Grady Evans, W4GLE had expressed interest in the position. Floor was opened for additional nominations, and Grady Evans was voted, and approved by acclamation.

Elections for "C" term Directors were carried out.

Bill Rogers, WB4NQH – no opposition, approved by acclamation.

Dennis Duren, KE4ROA – no opposition, approved by acclamation.

James M. Nelson, KE4GWW – no opposition, approved by acclamation.

Jack Evans, and Kris Kirby were nominated for the North-Central Region, and Jack Evans withdrew his name. Kris Kirby, KE4AHR approved by acclamation.

With Grady Evans being elected Vice President, that opened "B" term Director spot in North-Central Region. Doug Jackson, KC4SIG was nominated and approved by acclamation.

Old Business: No updates.

Frequency Coordinator Report – Howard Grant submitted report, and ongoing coordination.

Director Reports:

Grady Evans – DMR repeater in Lamar Co., offline due to lightening.

Bob Luman – Andalusia on the air. Working on DSTAR in Greenville.

James M. Nelson – Enterprise DSTAR was offline for a while.

New Business:

Dennis Littleton opened discussion about repeater coordination, ARRL, and RFinder, by reminding ARC that the 2017 check from the ARRL will be the last check.

Discussion was made concerning raising the yearly dues from 10.00 to 20.00 a year.

James M. Nelson asked what would be the added benefits that members would receive with the increase to 20.00. Kirk Junkin, N4KRJ added that website enhancements have been discussed with added features, and access to repeater directory information. Additional suggestions were made to encourage clubs across the state be become more involved with ARC, and memberships. It was agreed to actively pursue additional members, and reevaluate any dues increase in Birmingham 2018. Additional discussions included

questions about why repeater trustees or clubs are not joining ARC. Ideas from the floor included sending invitation letters to clubs around the state to join ARC, as well as the possibility of online coordination and membership options.

The RFinder representative said they could work with ARC on online options for frequency coordination and other aspects of an online presence for ARC. Dennis, K4DL reminded everyone that the coordinated for repeater coordination are not published, and added that the ARC Board of Directors would have to possibly make changes to organizational documents before Lat/Lon could be released. Howard Grant reiterated that he will not share the Lat/Lon for any repeater to any publication service.

Several Directors had mentioned receiving emails from SERA. Dennis said to disregard those emails. SERA had send emails to their database, and since ARC data is shared for coordination purposed with SERA, some Directors, or Repeater Trustees has also got emails.

Dennis, K4DL also discussed that By-Laws allows for electronic meetings, which could include email, voice conference, or video conference calls. For confirmation, a motion and second from the floor allowing for meetings via electronic means was passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm

Respectfully submitted  
Kirk R Junkin, N4KRJ  
ARC Secretary/ Treasurer

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### Coordinator Report

#### **Pending:**

146.940 - KX4AA, KN4EAB, Robert "Les" Hunter, Montevallo to a location in Chilton County about 10 miles south of Montevallo. Obtained waiver from WA4QHN, short spaced 6 miles. Directional antenna to North. AM told there is an un-coordinated co-channel repeater in Tuscaloosa AL, could be a problem. Will coordinate, have received GA approval, requires MS and GA. Meets all other requirements for coordination. Tuscaloosa is 44 miles from location of this repeater.

W4ZZK – N4QCA, relocation of 145.41 repeater. Requires TN and MS approval. Have received TN approval waiting on MS. Have sent MS NOPC 2X times/ looking at SERA database, there is no problem, will coordinate and send MS a notice of coordination.

N0ZO, Justin Glass, has submitted application and transfer for 145.29 repeater. Will relocate to Chilton County about 10 miles South of Montevallo. Transfer is from Judson Glass, N4GEG. Should be no problem.

K4RKY, Ricky Gilliland, Woodstock, submitted app for 440 repeaters. Requires MS approval, 443.1500 , NOPC sent to MS. SERA database shows freq. ok.

W4TCT, Jeff Murdock, Birmingham. App for Hueytown AL 440. Looking to use 443.3750. Will require MS only approval. Should be OK.

Lauderdale ARC // Larry Jaynes—AA4YB, applications pending, the transfers from individuals to Larry Jaynes who will transfer to Lauderdale County ARC. Original transfers are to Larry Jaynes instead of Lauderdale ARC, will require coordination to Jaynes who will transfer to club. Jaynes is also Trustee for Club and affiliated with EMA Sponsor.

Received two applications from Danny Cooley KM4EDS for digital repeaters, the repeaters are 11 miles apart and both are proposed 100 watt and 100 ft. AGL. Have sent Cooley letter asking that he pick one location to coordinate or reduce power and antenna AGL for possible two coordination. Two coordination could be difficult that close to major cities. Also, Danny has indicated Fusion and Fusion will require full channel to support Analog/standard FM. Have not received reply from Danny. May be due to his preference to Fusion. Has a near 440 Oneonta' Lives in Oneonta.

#### **Coordinated:**

KX4AA, Robert Less Hunter 444.2750 to locate 10 miles south of Montevallo. Located in Chilton County.

N4BRC, Bald Rock Club, coordinated 442.3250 Springville.

KJ4LAA, Craig McClure, coordinated 224.2800 Decatur AL.

N3AST, Michael Mitchell, 442.8750 Oneonta AL.

W4ZZK./ N4QCA, coordinated 442.7250 Tuscumbia

W4TCT, Jeff Murdock, Birmingham Coordinated 3 of 4 applications submitted:

- 1) 443.5250, Birmingham
- 2) 443.5000, Ruffner Mt.
- 3) 443.6250, Hoover

Has existing repeater, 442.9250, Bald Rock.

WS4I, Eddie Larry, Coker, relocation of 146.9250 repeater to Northport from Coker.

KK4ICE, Opelika AL, coordinated 442.0750 to Shorter AL

WR4Y transfer of 146.640/040 repeater from Jasper ARC to Jeremy Key, N4MYI, no change in operation or location.

WV4K, James Case, application for VHF repeater 147.315 to Elkmont AL. Could not coordinate, separation problem with 5 KHZ offset repeater 41 miles K4NDL near Florence. Confirmed Florence repeater to be active at coordinated. Sent Case a letter. No complaint from Case.

N4FIV, Gary Hand, near Mobile, coordinated digital only to Spanish Fort.

W4FMX, Mark Bond, Huntsville, coordinated 442.2750.

KM4DAC, Tyler Tibbetts, Harvest coordinated 444.5500.

KE4CAA, Justin Moon, Birmingham Coordinated 927.2875 DMR & 440.6625/445.6625 DMR

W4JRW, James Wright, Somerville, coordinated 444.7000 Decatur, Fusion, 440.6125 445.6125 DMR

KN4BQF, David Bash, W4GMI, coordinated D-STAR 145.240, Millport

W9KOP, Steve Flory, Decatur, transfer of 444.5250 from John Vinson, Athens, Repeater located at Union Hill, Vinson is SK now, transfer was before Vinson became SK.

Received app and letter from Mark Huber KF4UNF, query to see if his repeater freq. could coordinate, Using 146.87 Output, 146.87 input. Cannot coordinate. Has used this freq. and repeater from several years. Did not expect to coordinate.

Howard Grant, K4WWN  
Frequency Coordinator  
Alabama Repeater Council