



# FLORIDA REPEATER COUNCIL, INC.

## NEWSLETTER

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### President's Message

*Ray Kassis, N4LEM*

In the past year I have been honored to serve the FRC with the Directors and Staff. These men and women are dedicated to helping you to keep the Repeater Bands current and to use the spectrum for the maximum benefit of the Ham Radio community. I want to personally invite you to the Melbourne Hamfest where the FRC holds one of its official meetings each year. We missed last year because of the storms. Let's hope all will be quiet in the weather this year. We need for you to support the FRC with membership (dues) and data. The data is most important to help us to coordinate frequency use and to protect service areas. Make sure to update your report. Check with your Director, to make sure you are in compliance with FRC policy. If you would like to help the FRC, we are looking for assistance for our Directors and possibly some staff positions. Please let me know at the Melbourne meeting. Contact your Director and let him know as well. The FRC is looking at the future and the use of digital voice repeaters and wide band digital transmission with voice and data. We want to hear from you and your plans and needs.

Thanks for supporting the FRC!  
73, Ray Kassis N4LEM FRC, President

### Minutes of February and May Board Meetings

Florida Repeater Council, Inc.  
Minutes of Business Meeting  
February 12, 2005  
Orlando, Florida

The business meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM on February 12, 2005 by President Ray Kassis, N4LEM. The Acting Secretary called attendance and determined that a quorum of

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### Treasurer's Report

*Dana Rodakis, K4LK*

#### Detailed Activity for 2004

##### Income

Member Dues	1,903.77
Reimbursement	599.00
Miscellaneous	0.59
<u>Total</u>	<u>2,502.77</u>

##### Expenses

Checking Service Charge	23.10
Computer Expenses	542.46
Corporation Registration	61.25
Internet Hosting Fee	293.70
Postage	808.94
Printing	809.34
Supplies	117.16
Taxes	69.98
Telephone	322.84
<u>Total</u>	<u>3,048.18</u>

#### Activity Since Last Newsletter

Balance 12/31/04:	\$8,209.19
Income:	\$1,680.15
Expenses:	\$1,314.87
Balance 07/31/05:	\$8,574.47

### September Board Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held at the Melbourne Hamfest on Saturday, September 10 from 3 to 5 PM. Visit [www.pcars.org](http://www.pcars.org) for hamfest info. The first part of the meeting will be an Open Forum where amateurs can present their problems or express opinions. This is followed by the annual business meeting.



*Communications is the life blood of the Florida Repeater Council*

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### NOTICE

Please send all certified mail to  
District 1 Director Nilo Hernandez.  
He will sign for the mail and forward  
it to the appropriate staff member in  
the Council.

### FRC NEWSLETTER EDITOR

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*Your Staff and  
Directors are  
willing to help  
you. Please  
avail yourself of  
their services.*

**2005 DATABASE CHANGES**  
**(1/1/05 through 7/31/05)**  
**(Listed in reverse chronological order)**

**For more detail on these changes see the "Database Changes" page on our website.**

**NEW COORDINATIONS & TRANSFERS**

	442.950	Verna
	145.290	St. Petersburg
147.030	443.450	St. Petersburg
444.075	444.350	Treasure Island
29.660		
53.030		
145.170		
145.470		
145.210		
147.255		
442.650		
444.100		
444.975		
443.575		
147.210		
147.345		
1285.5		
145.270		
444.750		
443.325		
444.450		
927.675		
444.325		
146.805		
146.745		
145.150		
443.750		
444.775		
927.5375		
443.750		
224.520		
147.285		
444.100		
145.330		
443.325		
146.805		
147.015		
147.240		
443.475		
444.600		
146.910		
444.725		
145.170		
145.270		
29.620		
53.150		
147.135		
147.285		
444.725		
443.075		
52.940		
442.000		
442.825		
147.210		
223.840		
927.5125		
224.240		
1291.000		
444.300		
145.370		
146.625		
145.170		
927.700		
145.430		
224.280		

**FREQUENCY CHANGES**

None

**DE-COORDINATIONS**

**(requested by Director or the  
coordinated trustee, new  
coordination not issued, does  
not include 4/13/05 list)**

443.325	Palm Beach Gardens
147.210	Jacksonville
921.200	Miami
145.450	Ft. Pierce
224.840	Pinellas Park
443.000	Milton
53.110	Christmas
146.625	Satellite Beach
146.745	Melbourne
147.255	Palm Bay
442.150	Palm Bay
224.700	Mims
443.975	Mims
1292.2	Miami

**APPROVED RELOCATIONS**

224.280 Pebbledale

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qualified Directors were present:

Directors in attendance were:

District 1: Nilo Hernandez, W4HN

District 2: Mark Filla, KS4VT

District 3: Karen Power, KD4DJX

District 4: Mike Fletcher, NI4M

District 5: Ralph Betts, KC4SGG

District 6:

District 7: Ben Dickerson, K4EL

District 8: Frank Butler, W4RH

Staff Members in attendance were:

President: Ray Kassis, N4LEM

Vice President: Ira Bickham, K8HRR

#### RE-ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND STAFF:

President Ray Kassis, N4LEM was nominated to for another term as President. The Board of Directors unanimously approved him as President.

President Ray asked for a motion to re-appoint the Directors of Districts 1, 3, 5 and 7 and the current Council Staff members. Director Frank made the motion which was seconded by Director Mark. Motion approved.

#### REPORTS OF DIRECTORS:

District 1: All quiet. If a club license expires, do we de-coordinate repeaters? Will ask Riley Hollingsworth and report back to everyone.

District 2: All quiet

District 3: All quiet. 146.775 under repair.

District 4: Upside-down repeater is being worked. 444.000 being negotiated. Motion to extend construction time for 60 more days on 442.975 and 443.000.

District 5: All quiet

District 6: No report.

District 7: 146.985? 145.410 moved to district 5. Wrong coordinates?

District 8: All quiet.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Expiration letters will continue to be mailed until February 2006.

Respectfully submitted

Nilo Hernandez, W4HN, Acting Secretary on Saturday

Meeting re-convened at 9:30AM on Sunday, February 13, 2005.

The secretary re-checked the roll call and we have a quorum. President Ray reported what happened during the Saturday half of the meeting.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Six hundred forty (640) newsletters were mailed in late January and some were returned undeliverable. The minutes of the December meeting have been posted on the web site and were emailed to all FRC staff. Director Mark made a motion which was seconded by Director Mike to waive reading the minutes and approve them as posted. Motion passed unanimously.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

The FRC Secretary/Treasurer reported the following accounting:

Opening balance, 12/04/04:	\$8,203.96
Income:	\$485.28
Expenses:	\$974.14
Balance: 2/11/05:	\$7,715.10

Director Karen made a motion publish a detailed list of income and expenses in every July newsletter for the previous calendar year. Motion seconded and approved.

#### WEBMASTER'S/DATABASE MANAGER/ COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Database was submitted to ARRL on January 1, 2004 for the next repeater directory and Travelplus CD. They want the repeater directories to be available at the Dayton Hamvention hence the early deadline for submittal. The database was updated with the new ARRL boolean feature summary for easier parsing. Also including repeater coordinates for the Travelplus CD. On-line and paper applications have been expanded with all of the ARRL feature types.

Director Nilo suggested that all directors try to update link frequencies in their respective districts. Considerable discussion followed including database exchange with FADCA. Director Mike suggested that we may become a spectrum management organization. President Ray will contact FADCA.

Since December 4, 2004, there have been 20 new

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coordinations or transfers, 5 de-coordinations, 1 approved relocation. The Coordinator would like to update a Frequently-Asked-Questions list. George Jones, W4AQR offered to prepare a PowerPoint presentation but the Coordinator declined due to lack of time. The Database Manager would like to purge uncoordinated repeaters from the database.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Before a pair is coordinated that was coordinated in an adjacent District, should the Director losing that pair to the other District be notified? Considerable discussion followed. A motion was made, seconded and approved to require the Coordinator to submit a notice of proposed coordination (NOPC) or de-coordination (NOPD) to all Directors for approval before it is issued to the applicant. At least five Directors must approve, including the affected district. The NOPC or NOPD will be sent to FRC staff only, not the applicant.

Should the Directors provide updates on behalf of repeater trustees? Considerable discussion followed. If a Director submits and update, who is responsible when the next update is due? What if that director is no longer with the Council? Director Nilo made a motion to allow the Directors to submit repeater status reports if requested by a trustee. A copy of the report must be returned to the trustee that includes the new expiration date. It was seconded by Director Mike and approved unanimously. Who should we accept updates from? Trustee only? Sponsor? Club officer? We may need to collect contact information for all parties (trustee, sponsor, owner) and include it in the database. A sub-committee will work this issue before the Melbourne meeting.

Change the by-laws and coordination policy so that no one that lives so far away from his/her repeater as to not being able to monitor and control repeater to be a sponsor and/or owner of a coordination. Maybe an exception shall be if he/she has a trustee in the jurisdiction. Considerable discussion followed. We may need a by-laws or policy change. If the trustee lives far away from his coordinated repeater, the trustee needs to prove to the Council how he maintains control of his repeater. The Board decided that it will consider these situations on a case-by-case basis and not make any policy changes.

We must consider many changes in ownership to repeaters. Amateurs are using coordination to profit in the selling of equipment (doing it as business) even though our rules state that coordinations are NOT TRANSFERABLE. We must start enforcing this. The directors will all be notified of new coordinations through the NOPC, so the affected director can veto the proposed coordination. The applicant can appeal the veto at the next Board of Directors meeting. A motion was made, seconded and approved.

Several of the coordinator's questions about procedures to coordinate & de-coordinate repeaters were clarified.

The database manager presented a list of repeaters whose coordination has expired and the required update was not submitted by the end of the grace period. The Directors voted to de-coordinate the repeaters in the following list:

**[http://www.florida-repeaters.org/decoordinations\\_04\\_13\\_2005.pdf](http://www.florida-repeaters.org/decoordinations_04_13_2005.pdf)**

Select UHF frequency for use by emergency-only portable repeaters. The board recommended tabling this until the Melbourne meeting after we have consulted with FADCA.

The meeting was adjourned at 12 PM by President Ray Kassis.

Respectfully submitted  
Dana G. Rodakis, K4LK, Secretary

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Florida Repeater Council, Inc.  
Minutes of Special Meeting  
May 31, 2005

A special meeting was called to order via teleconference at 8:35 PM on May 31, 2005 by President Ray Kassis, N4LEM. The meeting was called to discuss the situation in South Florida on the frequency pair 145.270. The Secretary took a roll-call and we had a quorum:

District 1: Nilo Hernandez, W4HN  
District 2: Mark Filla, KS4VT  
District 4: Mike Fletcher, NI4M  
District 5: Ralph Betts, KC4SGG, Dan Babilla  
District 7: Ben Dickerson, K4EL  
District 8: Frank Butler, W4RH

Director Nilo explained the problem with 145.270 and responded to questions. Considerable discussion followed.

Motion made by Director Mike and seconded by Director Ben to uphold (or endorse) the Paisner coordination because it was issued in good faith based upon no conflicts at the time of coordination issue. A vote was taken with the following results: 1-no, 2-yes, 4-yes, 5-yes, 7-yes, 8-yes (5 to 1). President Ray will write to KC4MND indicating the board decision that we are unable to issue a coordination on 145.270.

Motion made by Director Mike and seconded by Director Frank for the dist 1 and 2 directors to negotiate a conditional coordination for KC4MND on 145.270. A vote was taken with the following results: 1-yes, 2-yes, 4-yes, 5-yes, 7-yes, 8-

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yes.

Director Ben explained his thoughts about requiring applicants to send updates and applicants by certified mail and certifying that they monitored a desired pair (in the case of new coordinations). The board expressed concern about adding this requirement. Tabled to Melbourne.

The board requested the following change to the on-line application process: Add verbiage to on-line applications: applicant should hear something from their director within 15 days and a subsequent email from the Database Manager or Coordinator.

The board requested the following additional change to the on-line application process: Demand a street address or ASR (antenna structure registration number) on long form updates and applications for new coordinations.

Director Mike made a motion to change to coordination and de-coordination approval procedure so that only the neighboring districts and the affected districts need to vote, it must be anonymous and be a minimum of 3 Directors. If there is any dissent then the request will go to the entire Board of Directors for discussion. Motion approved 1-yes,2-yes,4-yes,5-yes,7-yes,8-yes.

Directors Nilo and Frank won't be able to attend the business meeting at the Melbourne hamfest.

Special meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted  
Dana G. Rodakis, K4LK, Secretary

**Short-Form Repeater Coordination Renewal**

(This renewal can also be submitted online at [www.florida-repeaters.org](http://www.florida-repeaters.org). Long-form repeater or trustee updates must be submitted online or via hardcopy.)

Trustee: \_\_\_\_\_ Callsign: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Repeater callsign: \_\_\_\_\_ Repeater City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Repeater output frequencies: \_\_\_\_\_

I CERTIFY that there have been NO TECHNICAL CHANGES to the repeater(s) listed above and that the repeaters listed are FULLY OPERATIONAL and IN SERVICE as of this date.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

We are updating our database with link or control frequencies in use. This information is held confidential. As of 09/11/2004, new coordinations may be issued on any frequency pairs between 440 to 441.975 MHz output (445 to 446.975 MHz input) unless reported to be in-use for links or control.

Link or Control Frequency (MHz)	Use (link or ctrl)	Polarization (Horiz or vert)	Antenna Direction	In use? (Yes or No)
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Mail this form to: Dana G. Rodakis, K4LK, 6280 Fairfield Ave. So., St. Petersburg, FL 33707-2323.

**Membership Dues Submission**

We must make it clear that it is NOT necessary to pay dues to receive the services of this ARRL-recognized agency for Florida repeater coordination. Members help cover the costs of administering the services of repeater coordination.

Yes! I want to be a MEMBER of the Florida Repeater Council. Attached, please find my remittance of \$10.00 for dues for a year beginning \_\_\_\_\_. I understand that this remittance qualifies the "Repeater Trustee" to be a member of the Florida Repeater Council, Inc. for the duration indicated.

Please make checks payable to: Florida Repeater Council and mail to: Dana G. Rodakis, K4LK, 6280 Fairfield Ave. So., St. Petersburg, FL 33707-2323.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED**

#### FROM THE DATABASE MANAGER

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The Council web site contains a wealth of information, including the latest repeater listings, Council By-Laws, coordination policy, minutes of the Board of Directors meetings, and links to other coordinating agencies and pages of interests to the amateur radio operators. For the most up-to-date repeater listings visit the following URL: <http://florida-repeaters.org/dblist.htm>

Repeater status reports and applications for new or changed coordinations can be submitted on-line by visiting the following URL: <http://florida-repeaters.org/frcappl.htm>

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