

**Florida Repeater Council
Meeting Minutes
Orlando Hamfest
Saturday February 9, 2013**

Open Meeting commenced at 16:10

1. President's opening announcements. General comments limited to 5 minutes.
2. Gainesville new trustee commented on Ed's help in getting repeaters re-coordinated.
3. W4IWZ nominates N2FSU Mike Gonzalez for D6. No other candidates applied. See New Business.
4. Candidates for D1, KZ4TI and KC2CWC introduced themselves to those present.
5. Extensive discussion of UHF and VHF portable repeater coordinations. No more new coordinations on 146.940
6. K4GSC Dade County DSTAR simplex nodes 144.905 and 446.500 discussion. 15ft elevation. 144.905 in weak signal section of band.
7. K4RLR Mobile repeater UHF <40ft. Is secondary to existing coordinated repeaters. Long discussion of list of coordinated repeaters on FRC web site.

Open Meeting Adjourned at 16:41

Board Meeting Commenced at 16:42

1. Roll Call- D3 & D6 absent.
2. Secretary's reading of previous minutes accepted. Unanimous.
3. Treasury Report- Balance \$11,486.07. Accepted. Unanimous.
4. Database Manager Report-Data to ARRL 1/11/13. 714 repeaters submitted then 27 more added after. 6 pending requests. 2 week backlog. Accepted. Unanimous.
5. Coordinator's Report-Accepted
6. Director Reports
 - D2 - No open issues.
 - D3 - Not present.
 - D4 - 146.640 lost 1,000 foot site. Allow 6 months to get a new site.
 - D5 - No open issues.
 - D7 - No open issues.
 - D8 - 146.925 DSTAR was cleared by Alabama RC. Still open with Trustee to report to Dana.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Election of even numbered Directors as well as the President and his appointments (staff) with the Directors approval. VP resigned a day before meeting. D4 motion to re-elect President. Passed unanimously.
President asked for motion to re-elect Staff positions. D2 moves-Unanimous vote.
President moved to have Secretary serve as VP. Unanimous vote.
President motion to re-elect D2,D4,D8. Unanimous vote.
President moves for appoint Mike Gonzalez, D5 motions. Vote unanimous. N2FSU new D6.

2. Secretary to write procedure for de-coordination of paper repeaters or repeaters that we know are off the air. Status of new database. Secretary submitted plan. To be reviewed, changes submitted, and finalized in Melbourne.
3. Status of Liability Insurance. President & Secretary.
Secretary found most companies do not want to right policies for this. Very costly. D8 to check with ARRL if they offer this coverage. Could we be an affiliated club? D8 to check with ARRL.
4. D4 Allocation of 5 UHF Emergency itinerant repeater pairs for temporary use at disaster sites or drills. < 100' < 50 watt ERP Require letter from county EM? NPSPAC for UHF ham frequencies.
Could not find 5 clean pairs. Tabled for Melbourne.
5. D4 Allocation of 5 UHF Emergency itinerant repeater pairs for temporary use at disaster sites or drills. < 100' < 50 watt ERP Require letter from county EM? NPSPAC for UHF ham frequencies.
Tabled for Melbourne. D2 asked to make motion to make 441.000 coordinations available state wide. D4 asked to table till Melbourne
6. D4 Discuss bylaws concerning automatic removal of director or officers upon 3rd consecutive missed meeting.
D4 motions item 5.6 to be approved. Voted unanimous.
DB Manager to add to by-laws.
Add item 5.6 (d) Failure of a Director to attend 2 consecutive scheduled board meetings shall cause the automatic removal of the Director. The President shall appoint a successor as provided in the By-Laws. Vote unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

7. DBM needs direction from the Directors on what to purge from the database.
D4 individual Directors to submit items to delete by record number. Board concurs.
8. DBM needs direction from Directors. Does he still need to request 2-meter repeater characteristic (synthesized or crystal, narrowband support or not), now that the narrowband plan is in place?
Decided to leave it as is.
9. D4 recommends new procedure:
Since it seems we are doing this differently I propose the following rule change:
New coordinations shall be issued for a period of 6 months to allow for system construction and testing. The coordination letter shall inform the applicant of the need to file the update before the expiration. The applicant must file an update within the 6 month coordination period. Failure to file the update shall be considered abandonment of the application and the coordination will be revoked.

The applicant may submit an update to request additional time for construction stating the reasons for the delay. This request will be submitted to the FRC Board for review by email, phone or live vote and the applicant will be advised of their decision within 15 days of the vote.

The applicant may submit an update notifying FRC of the completion of construction and the actual operating status and features of the repeater noting any conditions that differ from the original filing. The Trustee must state that the repeater is on the air and operating as filed. The FRC may designate a director to verify the operational status of the subject repeater. Upon processing of the update, if the specifications meet the coordinated conditions and no other issues are found the FRC may issue a 2 year coordination for the repeater as provided in the rules.

Add to renewal form that Trustee verifies repeater is on the air. Initial coordination only good for 6 months. Renewal process makes coordination good for 2 years. New coordination form on web page and initial coordination letter to state initial coordination is for 6 months. D4 motions for New Coordinations to be for 6 Months. Vote unanimous.

10. Election of D1 Director.

We have two applicants, Joaquin Pidal, KZ4TI and Justin Pozo, KC2CWC. Secretary to produce ballots and send. Applicants to send bio to secretary for him to include with ballots by 2-28-13. Ballots to be sent by 3-15-13 to paid members as of 11-30-12. Ballots to be received by 4-30-13. Counted on 5-1-13. Secretary to provide SASE with each ballot. D4 moves for above. Vote unanimous. Need to have acting director for D1. D4 motion to have Secretary as Acting Director of D1. Vote unanimous.

11. D2 asks if FRC can reimburse Directors and Staff for mileage to and from FRC meetings per IRS guidelines. Use Mapquest for mileage Vote unanimous.

Board Meeting Adjourned 18:05

Minutes Submitted by: Marshall Paisner-K4MAP, Secretary FRC