



# Western Pennsylvania Repeater Council, Inc.

## Meeting Notes July 20, 2014 1:00PM

**Punxsutawney, Pa Punxsutawney Masonic Lodge Host Jim Knox – N5NWC**

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Chairman: Paul Plants W3PLP  
Vice Chairman & Chaplain: Jim Knox N5NWC  
Secretary: Thomas Brew K3WS  
Assistant Secretary: Elaine Bailey K3EMM  
Treasurer: Tom Cooney Jr. W3SF

Frequency Coordinator: Frank Bobro N3FB  
Bylaws Committee Chairman: Jeff Blake N8PSU  
Technical Committee Chairman: Kevin Custer WJ8G  
Publicity Chairman: Jim Knox N5NWC  
Assistant Publicity Chairman & Webmaster: Scott Zimmerman N3XCC

### ----- July 20<sup>th</sup> 2014 Report Highlights -----

We would like to extend a "Thank You" to the 26 people who gave of their time and attended the July 20th WPRC, Inc. meeting at the Masonic Lodge in Punxsutawney, PA. It is only with your participation we can effectively do our jobs and serve you to the best of our abilities. It is with your attendance we all can positively affect forward thinking and continuous improvements. And the food is always great! Thank you to Grubb's Pharmacy of Washington, DC for the use of the wheel chair ramp and a thank you to Jennifer for her assistance in facilitating Tony's ( N3XTI ) attendance. Tony became an Associate Member at the end of the meeting.

A special thank you to Jim Knox N5NWC our host for this great meeting location. It was great to see old friends and make some new ones. A special thank you to Tony N3XTI for the doughnuts and Mike WB3EQW for the sloppy joes. Pictures have been posted on the WPRC, Inc. Facebook page (Photographer Jack KC3BGR) This meeting was completed in under an hour and we accomplished a great deal very efficiently.

As everyone in attendance already knows we gave away a 2014-2105 repeater directory and the winner was Cynthia WB3CNJ. We hope to see more raffles at future meetings and other individuals and organizations are welcomed to provide items to give away. Please give us advance notice for consideration and publication.

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*Jim Knox N5NWC started the meeting with a prayer asking for the Lord's blessing in our efforts as a group working together and he also asked that we all be blessed with a safe trip home. Jim also asked for the Lord's blessing watching over us and guiding us in or efforts as a group during the meeting.*

#### 1) Meeting Called to Order

Paul W3PLP called the Regular Meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Repeater Council to order at 1:00 PM. Paul announced that as with all meetings there is an audio recording that is kept on file for board of director access only. Paul also mentioned that if anyone was uncomfortable with the meeting being archived in audio format they were welcome to step out. Audio Log # 3722

2) Welcome and Introductions. We went around the room and introduced ourselves by name and call sign. Refer to attendance list at the end of this report. Log # 3719 Paul asked to make sure everyone has checked in with the Secretary and signed the check in sheet.

### 3) New Members

Tom K3WS Reports all renewals at this point and as of this meeting.

### 4) Treasurer's Report Tom W3SF

Opening Balance 1/1/2014	\$ 5,884.91
Interest Income Through 7/20/2014	+ \$ 0.70
Year to date Membership Deposits 7/20/2014	+ \$ 2,040.00
ARRL Stipend for 2014 Repeater Data Usage	+ \$375.00
Expenses 4/26/14 Through 7/1/2014	- \$ 12.05 wprcinfo.org domain renewal
	- \$ 29.70 wprcinfo Web Hosting
	- \$ 20.38 VistaPrint
	- \$ 50.00 Hall donation
Ending Balance on 7/20/2014	\$ 7,868.21 (Includes \$94.73 Petty Cash)

Membership Database Shows: 319 coordinated repeaters, 136 paid representations and 2 paid associate memberships.

Bill N3BPB asked for an explanation for the benefit of the membership as to what the \$375.00 deposit / ARRL check was for. Kevin WJ8G and Paul W3PLP indicated it was our reward for properly reporting our repeater information to the ARRL. Kevin also noted that in the cover of each 2014-2015 repeater directory is a link for a smart phone application you may use. Paul W3PLP mentioned that it has only been since the last 2 years of the new Board of Directors the WPRC, Inc has received this ARRL money. Paul also verified that the WPRC, Inc. had not, in the past, submitted the paperwork required for the WPRC, Inc. to receive the stipend from the ARRL, nor was it going to anyone else representing the WPRC, Inc. Kevin WJ8G explained that this is all due to us reporting repeater changes ongoing.

This topic had a lot of around the room discussion, then;

Joe W3BC – made a public note of thanks for the efficiency in which the Board had acted on and reported this information. His comment was met with applause from the members in attendance.

Motion to Approve: Paul AB3PJ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sam W3CYO Vote: Unanimous

### 5) Frequency Coordinator Report - Frank N3FB

Since the April meeting 8 final coordinations and 4 initial coordinations have been issued. We also have issued 1 denial.

### 6) Committee Reports

#### a) Technical Committee – Kevin WJ8G

Kevin gave an in-depth dissertation on the procedure used to de-coordinate two, two meter repeater frequencies last year, and the subsequent request by one of the former trustees to have their coordination reinstated. The request was brought to a vote and was denied.

Kevin was acknowledged for his many, many hours of service which has played a major part in the organization running so smoothly. The members in attendance agreed with loud applause.

b) By Laws Committee – Jeff N8PSU

Tom K3WS reported for Jeff N8PSU that the by-laws committee, along with members of the current board, have continued to develop the by-laws revisions. While the process is slow, the development of solid language that will carry the WPRC forward is the primary focus. This process removes conflicting language, gives more specific language around membership and organizational function such as establishing standing committees and assistant positions to help process day to day business.

c) Public Relations Committee – Jim N5NWC and Scott N3XCC

Jim N5NWC mentioned that Kevin WJ8G had been handling most PR items but there were some things that he had handled that did not need board involvement. Jim mentioned things have been very quiet.

d) WPRC, Inc. Website update – Scott N3XCC. This effort is still work in process and Kevin WJ8G added there is still a lot of work being done to come up with a user friendly informative website that members can access their status on while maintaining security. Kevin also added we wish to only implement a website that can be handed down to future board members to easily use and afford.

Kevin WJ8G, also asked how important it is to have an interactive website, and the group responded that it was unimportant at this time. As such, moving forward with a secure and interactive website has been tabled until further notice or request by the membership to do so.

Again: This topic was met with a lot of around the room discussion and a lot of folks in attendance had a great deal of participation in this discussion. Come to a meeting and be part of the momentum ...

7) Old Business

- a) Review on paper repeaters and some repeaters reported or found to be off air. Frank N3FB asked if it is ok to send a reminder letter stating that a repeater trustee has not sent an On Air notice in a timely fashion after receiving initial coordination.

Kevin WJ8G motioned that Frank be authorized to send a reminder letter to a trustee who has not sent an On Air notice within 5 months pending initial coordination. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim N5NWC. Vote: Unanimous

8) New Business

- a) We have issued log numbers 3682 – 3713 since the last report. Over 31 items of business.
- b) Nominations for October Election of Secretary and Vice-Chairman  
Kevin WJ8G nominated Jim Knox N5NWC for Vice-Chairman, Scott N3XCC 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Kevin WJ8G nominated Tom Brew K3WS for Secretary, Sam W3CYO 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
With no other nominations from the attending members a Unanimous vote carried the nominations.  
Note: Jim N5NWC openly requested others consider the positions and asked for other nominations
- c) Bryan WA3UFN requested that the WPRC, Inc. update the coordinated frequency list more often on wprcinfo.org. With brief discussion it was agreed the web site will be updated more often.
- d) Frank N3FB, Discussion on the N3COW repeater move – A location change was denied because of short spacing with another machine. The application has been re-submitted but no waiver was included. Without the waiver, we cannot grant the coordination. Additionally, the machine is not operating from its coordinated location. What should we do?

Kevin WJ8G reviewed the coordination rules and actions of the individual in this case. We have been notified by the trustee this repeater is operating outside of the initial coordination. The issue received a great deal of membership discussion.

Bill N3BPB Motioned that the trustee be officially be given 90 days to obtain the proper waiver to be coordinated. Otherwise trustee/ applicant will continue to operate in a non coordinated status. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sam W3CYO Vote: Unanimous

- e) Kevin Repots that Skip K3CC is requesting reinstatement of 146.880, which was revoked by vote in October 2013 at the WPRC, Inc. meeting. The application also includes an address change. This request has failed the technical committee review for a few reasons including there being a coordinate machine too close in the Eastern part of the state.

Kevin WJ8G motioned (for total transparency) we do not approve the request for reinstatement for many technical reasons. However K3CC may re-apply for coordination of another pair after completing the required research. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sam W3CYO Vote: Unanimous

Note: Just about everyone in attendance made a comment or asked a question on this issue of official business. We covered subject matters of waivers, proper repeater operation, operating simplex on a repeater pair. This machine was exposed in a paper repeater report given to the WPRC, Inc.

#### 9) Location and time of next meeting

October 19th – Altoona PA, 1:00 PM ( Election of Officers ) Jeff, N8PSU is the host point of contact. Address: Logan Twp Municipal Complex 100 Chief Logan Circle Altoona Pa 16602 Ph (814) 949-3359 GPS Location W 78° 23' 55" N 40° 29' 39" 146.610 pl 123 HARC <http://harc1.org> 442.100 pl 167.9

10) Raffle as mentioned in the opening of this report and the winner is Cynthia WB3CNJ

11) Adjournment at 1:56 PM Thank you Jim Knox N5NWC for the use of the facility.

Motion to Adjourn: Sam W3CYO 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul AB3PJ Vote: Unanimous

12) Attendance as copied from signed attendance Log Number: 3719 26 in attendance.

Paul Plants	W3PLP	Member – Chairman
Tom Brew	K3WS	Member – Secretary
Elaine Bailey	K3EMM	Member – Assistant Secretary
Kevin Custer	WJ8G	Member – Technical Committee Chairman
Frank Bobro	N3FB	Member – Frequency Coordinator
Jim Knox	N5NWC	Member – Vice-Chairman/Chaplain
Tom Cooney Jr.	W3SF	Member – Treasurer
Scott Zimmerman	N3XCC	Member - Webmaster
Jack Brew	KC3BGR	Member - Photographer
Lori Bobro	KB3GMU	Guest
Patty Marshall	N3XAR	Member
Sam Mayberry	W3CYO	Member
Cynthia Rushton	WB3CNJ	Member
Michael Sakmar	N3SSD	Member - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rep
Elmer “Bud” Plants	N3TIR	Member
Brian Fornwalt	N3ZQY	Member – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rep
Joe Shupienis	W3BC	Member
Greg Jeffers	N3FYD	Member
Bryan Simanic	WA3UFN	Member
Tony Rend	N3XTI	Guest - Provided Doughnuts
Jennifer German	N3XTI-Help	Guest
William Kristoff Jr.	N3BPB	Member
Janet Shadle	KC4JBB	Guest
Alan Carnes	N3FJU	Member

Paul Bidzilya	AB3PJ	Member
Mike Errigo	WB3EQW	Associate Member - Provided Sloppy Joes

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Special Committees, Thank you to everyone for your continued support and assistance in the growth and continued success of the WPRC, Inc. providing effective coordination services to the amateur community.

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See you all in Altoona, PA 1:00 PM Election Meeting

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