



# Western Pennsylvania Repeater Council, Inc.

## Meeting Notes October 19, 2014 1:00PM

Altoona, PA- Logan Twp. Municipal Complex, Host Jeff Blake – N8PSU

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Chairman: Paul Plants W3PLP (2014 – 2105)

Vice Chairman & Chaplain: Jim Knox N5NWC (2013-2014)

Secretary: Thomas Brew K3WS (2013 -2016) Reelected

Assistant Secretary: Elaine Bailey K3EMM Appointed

Treasurer: Tom Cooney Jr. W3SF (2014 – 2015)

Vice-Chairman: Elmer (Bud) Plants N3TIR Elected Oct 19th

Frequency Coordinator: Frank Bobro N3FB Appointed

Bylaws Committee Chairman: Jeff Blake N8PSU Appointed

Technical Committee Chairman: Kevin Custer W3KKC Appointed

Publicity Chairman: Jim Knox N5NWC Appointed

Assistant Publicity Chairman & Webmaster: Scott Zimmerman N3XCC Appointed

### ----- October 19<sup>th</sup> 2014 Report Highlights -----

We would like to extend a "Thank You" to the 23 people who gave of their time and attended the October 19<sup>th</sup> WPRC, Inc. meeting at the Logan Township Municipal Complex in Altoona, 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. As a result of the elections we do have a new Vice-Chairman Mr. Elmer (Bud) Plants N3TIR (2015 - 2016).

Thank you to Jim Knox N5NWC for your service as Vice-Chairman (2013 - 2014) and thank you for your past support even before becoming a member of the board. It was also nice to see Mike N3SSD in attendance and doing so well after suffering a stroke this past August. On behalf of the WPRC, Inc. thank you to Scott N3XCC for providing Mike with transportation to and from the meeting.

Among other things voted on, the 2015 meeting schedule was discussed, motioned, and voted on and the dates / locations are listed below.

A special thank you to Jeff Blake N8PSU our host for this great meeting location. Pictures have been posted on the WPRC, Inc. Facebook page (Photographer Tom K3WS and Brian N3QZY) Our October meeting was completed in just over an hour and we accomplished a great deal very efficiently as a team.

Just a reminder that 2015 membership renewal time is near. Please try to have your completed accurate membership form and payment in to the WPRC, Inc. by January 31<sup>st</sup> 2015.

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

*Jim Knox N5NWC started the meeting with a prayer asking for the Lord's blessing in our health, our efforts as a group working together, and Jim also asked that we all be blessed with a safe trip home. Jim concluded asking for the Lord's blessing watching over our troops both home and away.*

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 # 3732

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 # 3734 Paul asked to make sure everyone has checked in with the Secretary and signed the check in sheet.

3) New Members

Tom W3SF Reports 1 pending Associate member Tony Rend KC3KID of Punxsutawney, PA.

Motion to Approve and Seat: Jeff N8PSU 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott N3XCC Vote: Unanimous

4) Year End Treasurer's Report Tom W3SF From Log # 3730

	Checking	Petty Cash
Opening Balance 1/1/2014	\$ 5,884.91	\$ 105.55
Interest Income Through 7/20/2014	+ \$ 1.09	
Year to date Membership Deposits	+ \$ 1,710.00	
ARRL Stipend for 2014 Repeater Data Usage	+ \$375.00	
Expenses year to date	- \$ 12.05 wprcinfo.org domain renewal	
	- \$ 29.70 wprcinfo Web Hosting	
	- \$ 20.38 VistaPrint	
	- \$ 50.00 Hall donation	
		-\$ 10.82 Postage Envelopes
Ending Balance on 10/19/2014	\$ 7,818.87	\$ 94.73 Petty Cash
Total WPRC, Inc. Funds on Account	\$ 7,913.60 (Not including funds received 10/19/14)	

Membership Database Shows: 323 coordinated repeaters, 112\* members (\*Regular 103, Regular New 6, Assoc Renewal 1, Assoc New 2, & Complimentary Records 5) 34.5%

Motion to Approve: Scott N3XCC 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeff N8PSU Vote: Unanimous

## 5) Frequency Coordinator Report - Frank N3FB

There are currently 22 applications that are in the active file. These range from applications that are being processed to ones that have had an initial coordination granted. We have 297 published repeaters and there are 376 active coordinations – these include links and control coordinations. Since July 25th we have issued 3 initial, 2 final coordinations and 1 denial.

Motion to Approve: Bryan WA3UFN 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeff N8PSU Vote: Unanimous

## 6) Committee Reports

### a) Technical Committee – Kevin W3KKC

Kevin gave a report on the status of all technical issues. Between him and Frank, all open items are caught up and going through due process. “Things are running smoothly.” We had a few rounds of open discussion and even took on a PL change request in the meeting...

### b) By Laws Committee – Jeff N8PSU

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. Jeff stated that with the organization running smoothly and transparent there are just some minor changes that are needed at this point.

### c) Public Relations Committee – Jim N5NWC and Scott N3XCC

Jim N5NWC mentioned that Kevin W3KKC and Scott N3XCC have been handling most PR items but there were some things that he had handled that did not need board involvement. Jim mentioned things are still very quiet.

d) WPRC, Inc. Website update – Scott N3XCC. A new user friendly WPRC, Inc. web site is planned for late 2014 early 2015 launch.

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 on this subject. Come to a meeting and be part of the momentum ...

## 7) Old Business

- a) Bryan WA3UFN requested that the WPRC, Inc. update the coordinated frequency list more often on wprcinfo.org. On October 5<sup>th</sup> we published the latest WPRC, Inc. coordinated repeater list on wprcinfo.org as requested in the previous meeting.

## 8) New Business

- a) We have issued log numbers 3600 – 3735 since January 1, 2014. 136 items of business.
- b) Tom K3WS opened for discussion the idea of going to a 3 meeting year and then made a Motion that the WPRC, Inc. go to a April, July, and October meeting schedule. Jeff N8PSU commented that the WPRC, Inc. Bylaws stated a minimum of 3 meetings per year and this Motion if approved did not require a change in the Bylaws. Again everyone in attendance had the opportunity to discuss the K3WS motion and a lot of discussion took place. We all learn with communication...

Motion to Approve: Tom K3WS 2<sup>nd</sup> Carmine K3CWP Vote: 3 Objections, All remaining in Favor.  
Paul W3PLP Chairman – announced motion approved as Tom K3WS the Secretary made the Motion.

9) Good of the Council - N/A

10) Propose, decide, and announce the 2015 WPRC, Inc. Meeting Locations.

With the new 3 meeting year for 2015 the locations met with a great deal of discussion by all in attendance and we spent a bit of time on it. Cynthia WB3CNJ made mention of what she felt was a need to move meeting locations around the WPRC, Inc. coverage area. Several in the group responded as a matter of fact, indicating that the meetings have been moving around and an additional fact that Warren, PA recently saw their first meeting ever since the WPRC was formed. In the end Joe W3BC summarized our locations as motioned to be fair and changing both in demographics and election coverage with good opportunity for other members to participate.

After group discussion, Jeff N8PSU Motioned we select, April in Bedford, PA Regular Meeting: July in Washington, PA Regular Meeting:, and October in Punxsutawney, PA Regular Year End Election Meeting. Address and talk in information will be published on our official web site wprcinfo.org.

Motion to Approve: Jeff N8PSU 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim N5NWC Vote: 1 Objection, All remaining in Favor.

11) Location and time of next meeting (As voted on in the October 19<sup>th</sup> Regular – Election Meeting)

April 19<sup>th</sup> in Bedford, PA 1:00 PM - Regular Meeting – Address and talk in information will be published on wprcinfo.org and on our Facebook page.

12) Election of Secretary and Vice-Chairman

In brief: Previous meetings lead to these nominations Tom K3WS for Secretary and Jim N5NWC for Vice-Chairman. Paul W3PLP asked if there were any other nominations for Secretary, hearing none, Paul asked if there were any additional Nominations for Vice-chairman. Sam W3CYO nominated Elmer Plants W3TIR, and Jeff N8PSU 2<sup>nd</sup>. Jeff N8PSU Motioned to close nominations. Paul W3PLP 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Jim N5NWC respectfully withdrew his own nomination.

With nobody running in opposition, Tom K3WS motioned for a unanimous vote for both the Vice-Chairman and the Secretary positions. Paul W3PLP 2<sup>nd</sup> Vote: Unanimous

13) Adjournment at 2:12 PM Thank you Jeff N8PSU for the use of the facility.

Motion to Adjourn: Sam W3CYO 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeff N8PSU Vote: Unanimous

14) Attendance as copied from signed attendance Log Number: 3734 23 in attendance.

Paul Plants	W3PLP	Member – Chairman
Tom Brew	K3WS	Member – Secretary Reelected October 19 <sup>th</sup>
Elaine Bailey	K3EMM	Member – Assistant Secretary
Kevin Custer	W3KKC	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
Lori Bobro	KB3GMU	Guest
Sam Mayberry	W3CYO	Member
Cynthia Rushton	WB3CNJ	Member
Michael Sakmar	N3SSD	Member - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rep
Elmer “Bud” Plants	W3TIR	Member – Vice-Chairman Elected October 19 <sup>th</sup>
Brian Fornwalt	N3ZQY	Member – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rep
Joe Shupienis	W3BC	Member

Bryan Simanic	WA3UFN	Member
William Kristoff Jr.	N3BPB	Member
Alan Carnes	N3FJU	Member
Jeff Blake	N8PSU	Member – Bylaws Committee Chairman
Ed Fleck	W3ERF	Member
Lloyd Roach	K3QNT	Guest
Steve Elliott	KA3YDR	Member
Carmine Prestia	K3CWP	Member

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 on:  
 April 19<sup>th</sup> in Bedford, PA 1:00 PM - Regular Meeting  
 July 19<sup>th</sup> in Washington, PA 1:00 - PM Regular Meeting  
 October 18<sup>th</sup> in Punxsutawney, PA 1:00 PM - Regular Year End Election Meeting

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