



# Western Pennsylvania Repeater Council, Inc.

## Meeting Notes July 19, 2015 1:00PM

**Somerset County Hamfest: Somerset County Amateur Radio Club – K3SMT**

GPS Location: W -79.0333919° - N 40.0027737°

**W.P.R.C., Inc. 3000 Village Run Road, Unit 103 #173, Wexford Pa 15090-9244**

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**Chairman: Paul Plants W3PLP**

**Vice-Chairman: Elmer (Bud) Plants N3TIR**

**Secretary: Thomas (Tom) Brew K3WS**

**Assistant Secretary: Elaine Bailey K3EMM Appointed**

**Treasurer: Tom Cooney Jr. W3SF**

**Frequency Coordinator: Frank Bobro N3FB Appointed**

**Bylaws Committee Chairman: Jeff Blake N8PSU Appointed**

**Technical Committee Chairman: Kevin Custer W3KKC Appointed**

**Publicity Chairman & Webmaster: Scott Zimmerman N3XCC Appointed**

### ----- July 19<sup>th</sup> 2015 Summer Meeting Report Highlights -----

We would like to extend a "Thank You" to the 30 people who gave of their time and attended the July 19<sup>th</sup> WPRC, Inc. Regular Summer Meeting at the Somerset County Amateur Radio Club Hamfest. 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 this 53 minute long meeting, and with the help of everyone in attendance we voted on some important matters which you will see in the report.

A special thank you to the Somerset County Amateur Radio Club K3SMT, our host for this great meeting location. Pictures have been posted on the WPRC, Inc. Facebook page (Photographer Jack Brew KC3BGR)

Everyone in attendance received an ARRL 2015-2016 Repeater Directory valued at \$12.95 (ARRL member price)

### F O O D

Our October 18<sup>th</sup> Election Meeting will be held at The Masonic Lodge, 225 West Mahoning Street, Punxsutawney, PA. Our Meeting Host is Jim N5NWC. ANNOUNCING a very special treat for the first 40 people who sign the attendance log. Tony K3PXY has purchased and donated \$400.00 worth of Gift Certificates to the HONG KONG Chinese Buffet located at 219 Hampton Ave, in punxy phone 814 938-8087. Tony worked a deal where there is no expiration date and it can be used towards the buffet or a menu item with some obvious restrictions. We hope to see most of you after the meeting for a meal or you can use it any other time. Please pass on your thanks to Tony on the WAN system.

Just a reminder that 2016 membership renewal time is coming up January 1st. Please try to have your completed accurate membership form and payment in to the WPRC, Inc. as soon as possible next year. An updated membership form is available on [wprcinfo.org](http://wprcinfo.org) or by e-mail request to [sec@wprcinfo.org](mailto:sec@wprcinfo.org) The new membership form will collect some additional data that will help us better serve you.

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*Jim Knox N5NWC started the meeting with a prayer asking for the Lord's blessing of 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 and helping us to make good decisions.*

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 # 3838

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 # 3837 Paul asked to make sure everyone has checked in with the Secretary and signed the check in sheet.

3) New Members

Tom K3WS, for Tom W3SF (not in attendance) Reported NO new members:

4) Treasurer's Report by Tom C. W3SF Log # 3822 ( FROM APRIL MEETING )  
With previous notice given Tom C. was unable to attend the July meeting once completed a revised treasurer's report will be submitted.

## 2015 Western PA Repeater Council - Treasurer's Report

Log # 3822 by Tom Cooney W3SF

Date	Description	Checking	Petty Cash
10/19/2014	<b>Account Balances</b>	<b>7773.87</b>	<b>94.73</b>
	Membership Dues Deposits:	225.00	
	Year to Date Other Deposits (ARRL Stipend):	0.00	
	Interest Deposits (checking with interest):	0.39	
	Expenses Through End of 2014:		
	Mail Box & Forwarding Thru 11-15-2015	-250.00	
12/31/2014	2014 Year Ending Balances:	<b>7749.26</b>	<b>94.73</b>
1/1/2015	2015 Year Opening Balances:		
	<b>Income, Year to Date 2015:</b>		
	Membership Dues Deposits:	480.00	
	Year to Date Other Deposits (ARRL Stipend):	370.00	
	Interest Deposits (checking with interest):	0.39	
	<b>Expenses, Year to Date 2015:</b>		
	Mailbox Forwarding Postage Replenishment:	-100.00	

wprcinfo.org Domain Registration - 5 years -55.25

**4/19/2015 8444.40 94.73**

**4/19/2015 Total WPRC Funds: 8539.13**

Membership Database Records	332
2015 Membership - Regular Renewal	37
2015 Membership - Regular NEW	3
2015 Membership - Associate Renewal	0
2015 Membership - Associate NEW	1
2015 Membership - Complimentary Records	5

As of 4/18\* 41 members / 325 Coordinations 12.60%

#### 5) Frequency Coordinator Report - Frank N3FB

Since April 1, 2015 the following items have been processed:

4 – Applications

2 – Deletions, these were database maintenance.

10 – Final Coordinations

1 – Initial Coordination

1 – Modification Application

30 – Requests from surrounding Coordination Bodies.

I posted an update to the database on the web this morning.

I am behind and need to get some applications sent to surrounding coordinators for approval and review the incoming files.

Thanks again to Kevin W3KKC for all of the behind the scenes work that he does.

#### 6) Committee Reports

##### a) Technical Committee – Kevin W3KKC

Kevin W3KKC gave a report on the status of ongoing technical issues. Mentioning two higher level activities including the 145.110, Lou reported that as of June 16<sup>th</sup> the machine is on air and Frank confirmed that he could hit it. And the second activity involved a trustee who passed away and a pending application to change trustee/ backup trustee which was discussed in new business. We continue to help the Frequency Coordinator with a few actions and Kevin explained how another coordination body has assisted in the growth our own backlog giving reason as to why the WPRC, Inc. Frequency Coordinator is a little behind.

##### b) Bylaws Committee – Jeff N8PSU

I think that it is worth mentioning what a great job the officers and technical committee are doing by adhering to and citing the constitution and by-laws as they render certain decisions and answer questions that are posed by repeater owners and operators. I would like to solicit input for any sections of the by-laws for which anyone views as needing updates or changed.

This process is mildly cumbersome and requires member notice and mailing so I think it's important only if we identify areas that really need a change. Any suggestions could be emailed to me via [WPRC@WPRCInfo.org](mailto:WPRC@WPRCInfo.org) that way everyone will see the suggestions.

Kevin W3KKC discussed one area he wishes cleared up regarding one person, is one membership, and one vote, no matter how many repeaters he or she owns or operates.

c) Public Relations Committee – Scott N3XCC

WPRC, Inc. Website update – Scott N3XCC. A new user friendly WPRC, Inc. web site is planned for a Winter 2015 launch when things calm down at the Repeater-Builder shop. Public relations have been very stable and all is going fairly well. After a lot of group discussion, It was also decided that the public relations committee will take on the task of the WPRC, Inc. newsletter.

7) Old Business

- a) Voted Unanimous that the dues are due the 1<sup>st</sup> of each year with the grace period to pay being extended to the April meeting of each year.
- b) Scott N3XCC offered to perform FREE VE Testing at the end of each WPRC, Inc. Meeting. We all agreed to give it a try. Scott is the FREE VE Team Leader of the Cambria Radio Club FREE VE TEAM, sponsored by the Laurel VEC [laurelvec.com](http://laurelvec.com)
- c) Bill N3BPB requested a thank you banner listing paid members and thanking them for their support and a membership. This topic also met with a lot of around the room discussion leading to good possible outcome. We all seem to want a current member's page as well and your post meeting comments are welcomed. [WPRC@WPRCInfo.org](mailto:WPRC@WPRCInfo.org)

8) New Business

- a) We have issued log numbers 3803 – 3839 April 19, 2014 to current. 36 logged items
- b) Fred KA3UEL Inquiry; discuss and educate how we will reply and or process. Kevin W3KKC announced that we have received a letter questioning the Trustee / Back-Up Trustee assignment for the New Castle 146.625 Burt WA3VRD. Jake KC3BDF and Milton KD8UWI equipment owner stood up and explained that all information in the pending application is accurate and valid. This request and letter in question met with a lot of around the room discussion. All in attendance noting that nobody showed up at this meeting to stand against the pending signed application. Tom K3WS made a comment that we are all impressed that folks showed up to discuss and help decide on this matter. Participation counts...

Motion Made By Scott N3XCC to accept the officially filed application change as is and process it without question. 2<sup>nd</sup> By Bryan WA3UFN Vote: UNAMIOUS

9) Good of the Council - none -

10) At the October Meeting we will hold elections for Chairman and Treasurer.

Jim Knox Nominated Paul W3PLP and Tom W3SF for current positions.

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11) Adjournment at ( 1:53 PM).

Motion to Adjourn: Bill N3BPB 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim N5NWC Vote: Unanimous

12) Attendance as copied from signed attendance Log Number: 3819 30 in attendance.

Paul Plants	W3PLP	Member – Chairman
Tom Brew	K3WS	Member – Secretary Reelected October 19 <sup>th</sup>
Jack Brew	KC3BGR	Member
Elaine Bailey	K3EMM	Member – Assistant Secretary
Kevin Custer	W3KKC	Member – Technical Committee Chairman
Frank Bobro	N3FB	Member – Frequency Coordinator
Jim Knox	N5NWC	Member – Chaplain
Scott Zimmerman	N3XCC	Member - Webmaster & Public Relations
Lori Bobro	KB3GMU	Guest
Elmer “Bud” Plants	N3TIR	Member – Vice-Chairman Elected October 19 <sup>th</sup>
Joe Shupienis	W3BC	Member
Bryan Simanic	WA3UFN	Member
William Kristoff Jr.	N3BPB	Member
Patty Marshall	N3XAR	Member
Tom Workman	AA3CE	Guest
Brian Cooney	K5BPC	Guest
David Chubski	KB3UAG	Guest
Mike Errigo	WB3EQW	Member
Jim Crowley	NJ3T	Member
Jake McCracken	KC3BDF	Guest
Keith Wright	KB3DAW	Guest
Debbie Wright	KB3EAQ	Guest
Carol Klingensmith	N3ZLF	Guest
James Klingensmith	N3ZJM	Guest
Milton McFarland	KB8UWI	Guest
Charles Johnson	N3ETV	Guest
Jean Johnson	K3KFC	Guest
Paul Bidzilya	AB3PJ	Member
Janet Shadle	KG4JBB	Member
Brian Leventry	N3LZV	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.

Meeting Notes Log Number: 3836

Meeting Audio Log Number: 3838

Meeting Sign In Log Number: 3837

See you all:

October 18<sup>th</sup> in Punxsutawney, PA 1:00 PM - Regular Year End Election Meeting

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