



Minnesota Repeater Council

Spring 2018 Newsletter

Founding Member: National Frequency Coordination Council

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Jerry Dorf, NØFWG
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**THE Spring MRC
MEETING
Will be held
Saturday
April 21, 2018
at**

**Owatonna Fire Department
First Floor Training Room
107 West Main Street
Owatona MN 55060**

**Registration 12:00
Call to order 1:00PM**

If you have questions regarding your repeater coordination or membership please email or ask before the meeting date!

It is important that if your not going to attend the meeting to proxy your vote to someone who can attend. This can be another club member or any licensed amateur, it does not have to be a MRC member.

Secretary, Treasurers & Coordinators Notes

Coordination activity has been routine with no major issues.

I have not released the geo data at this time, I do not want to release it until we reach an agreement with RFinder.

DMR simplex frequency use has been proposed in the 446 and 433 MHz ranges. Other groups have picked frequencies with no regard to local bandplans.

We need to move forward with planning for future narrow band modes. I have to coordinate with WAR who has been using 6.25 offsets for several years now.

Great Regional Library donation has been completed.

I have added a record in the membership database to show attendance from the last 5 meetings. This shows if we adopt the bylaw change as presented we would have 27 members who attended a meeting in the last 27 months out of 54 regular members in good standing.

Annual updates are still trickling in!

73's

Jerry Dorf, NØFWG

The Bylaws already provide for automatically changing a member's status from Regular to Associate if they do not keep their dues current, or if they have not updated their repeater's coordination records within the past 2 years. This does lead to some confusion, since there is no distinguishing between an Associate Member and a Regular Member who's simply become inactive; the latter can resume active Regular membership by doing whatever hadn't been kept current.

To correct this, the proposal is to create a new class of membership, Inactive Member. A Regular Member becomes an Inactive Member by not paying dues, keeping their coordination information current, or attending a meeting either in person or by proxy. An Inactive Member resumes Regular membership by fulfilling the requirements of Regular membership. Inactive Members do not count for computing the quorum.

Proposed additions are underlined, while proposed deletions are ~~struck out~~:

Membership, in this Council, shall be classified as follows:

A. A **Regular Member** shall be any organization or individual, holding an Amateur Radio License, operating at least one radio repeating system coordinated by the MRC, that is operating according to the Technical Standards as outlined in Article XI of these by-laws. The holder of the frequency coordination for a repeater is by default defined as the Regular Member to which all contacts are made.

Regular members ~~shall only be considered an "active Regular members"~~ when must have their required MRC membership dues and assessments are currently paid in full, ~~and/or~~ their repeater system coordination data is must be no greater than two ~~(2)~~ years old, and they must have attended at least one meeting in person or by proxy in the previous 27 calendar months. If a Regular member is ~~deemed to be inactive, due the lack of paid up dues and no current frequency coordination data~~ does not meet these requirements, the Secretary/Treasurer shall change the status of this Regular member to that of an Associate member becomes an Inactive Member. The Inactive Member can change his/her status back to Regular Member by paying all dues and assessments in full, and providing up-to-date repeater coordination data to the MRC Frequency Coordinator, and/or attending a meeting, as needed to meet the requirements above.

B. An Inactive Member is one who was previously a Regular Member, but has become Inactive through not meeting the requirements in the preceding section. Dues for Inactive Members shall be the same as for Regular Members.

~~B.C.~~ An **Associate Member** shall be any organization or individual, holding an Amateur Radio license, and displaying an interest in constructing or operating a Amateur Radio repeater station. An Associate Member shall be assessed an annual fee to cover the costs of supplying the MRC Newsletter, meeting notification and minutes.

~~C.D.~~ One **User Liaison Member** shall be selected, by simple majority of the regular member organizations, to represent the FCC licensed Amateur Radio operators that use repeater stations.

The first paragraph of Article X, Quorum, would be modified to remove any ambiguity from what would become unnecessary language, as well as other superfluous language and correcting a couple of omissions:

A quorum shall consist of twenty five ~~(25)~~ percent ~~(%)~~ of the "Active" Regular Members of record at the start of the meeting: with at least twenty five percent (25%) of the members present at a Council meeting must representing a coordinated repeater outside the Metro Zone. (The Metro Zone is defined as the following seven counties in Minnesota: Ramsey, Anoka, Hennepin, Dakota, Carver, Scott and Washington). Members represented by proxy shall count towards those required for a quorum.

Minutes of the Minnesota Repeater Council

Fall meeting held On October 28, 2017
Carver County Library, Chanhassen MN

Call to order by Chairman Jay Maynard at 1:00PM

Quorum was met with a total of 66 members in good standing on the roster, 20 in attendance of which 9 are non-metro.

Introduction of members and officers made.

Chairman's Report: Jay Maynard K5ZC

Nothing to report

Secretary & Treasurer's report: Jerry Dorf N0FWG

Reports presented to membership in the newsletter, and handout.

Frequency coordinator: Jerry Dorf N0FWG

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New Members:

Brady Palmquest, K0UC Regular

Carl Estey, WA0CQG Regular

Thomas Traughber, W0ZX Regular

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept all new members.

Old Business:

Coordination Data Committee: No committee activity. Motion to supply data to Rfinder under the condition all current data is purged. Geo data to be rounded to 2 decimal places, other data will be limited to what was previously furnished to the ARRL. Motion passed. Motion made and seconded to publish the same data on the MRC web site, motion passed.

UHF Full Duplex links: Role was expanded to include a complete review of UHF band plan. Report recommendations at future meeting

Great River Library donation: Motion to donate a ARRL Library book package to Great Regional Library at a cost of \$200, seconded and passed.

Bylaw change: Discussed and presented a proposal for a inactive membership class. Will be published in the newsletter for a vote at the spring meeting.

New Business:

None

Election of officers: Motion made to open the office of chairman, Jay Maynard accepted. Motion was made to accept all current officers, seconded. Motion passed unanimously

Chairman: Jay Maynard K5ZC Vice Chair: Ben Franske, K0BEN Secretary-Treasurer: Jerry Dorf, N0FWG

No change in appointments. If anyone is interested in the user liaison position, please come forward.

Spring Meeting: Non Metro location, Owatonna Fire Station 3rd weekend in April. Tom Karnauskas will confirm.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:10PM

Jerry Dorf, N0FWG

Secretary Treasurer

Minnesota Repeater Council, Inc

Minnesota Repeater Council Checking Account

March 10, 2018

Date	Type	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance	Comments
10/30/2017	DEP	PAUL HOLM		\$20.00	\$8,809.62	REG DUES 2018
	DEP	Ben Franske		\$20.00	\$8,829.62	REG DUES 2020
	DEP	JAY MAYNARD		\$20.00	\$8,849.62	REG DUES 2019
	DEP	THOMAS TRAUGHBER		\$10.00	\$8,859.62	REG DUES 2018
11/1/2017	Debit	ARRL Store	\$200.00		\$8,659.62	Great Regional Library book d
12/9/2017	DEP	MIKE THOMPSON / ST PAUL ARC		\$10.00	\$8,669.62	REG DUES 2018
1/4/2018	DEP	JUSTIN YUNKE		\$5.00	\$8,674.62	ASSOC DUES 2018
	DEP	JAMES HORN		\$10.00	\$8,684.62	REG DUES 2018
1/31/2018	DEP	Don Burgess		\$20.00	\$8,704.62	REG DUES 2019
	DEP	RAYMOND BARNES		\$10.00	\$8,714.62	REG DUES 2018
	DEP	Terry Johnson		\$10.00	\$8,724.62	Reg Dues Pending 2018
2/1/2018	DEP	BOB DARLOW		\$10.00	\$8,734.62	REG DUES 2019
3/10/2018	Debit	Postmaster	\$50.00		\$8,684.62	Stamps

Notes:

1. New & pending memberships checks have been deposited to avoid the past "Stale Check" problems.
2. The date in the comment field shows dues paid to the end of that year.

New Coordinations

LOCATION	CALL	OUT	SPONS AREA	CORDATE	USE	STATUS
ST CLOUD	N0ANC	145.1900	SHANNON RASSIER	CEN	3/10/18	RO CNST
ELLENDALE	KD0TGF	442.075	DANIEL PETSINGER	SE	3/10/18	RO CNST
HIBBING	N0AGX	147.1200	DONALD C DOWNS	NC	02/17/18	RO OTA
STEWARTVILLE	N0ZQB	444.2500	BRIAN STOCKMAN	SE	02/17/18	RO CNST
WOODBURY	K0GOI	442.8250	TERRY LONDROCHE	MET	01/20/18	RO OTA
EDEN PRAIRE	K0EPR	443.1500	EDEN PRAIRIE	RADI MET	12/09/17	RO CNST
ELY	K0VRC	147.1950	VERMILION RANGE	NE	12/09/17	RO CNST
MOORHEAD	W0JPJ	145.1500	JAROD JACOBSEN	NW	12/09/17	RO CNST
ST CLOUD	N0ANC	442.1500	SHANNON RASSIER	CEN	12/09/17	RO OTA
COLD SPRING	W0SAV	442.3000	CHAD J GROSS	CEN	10/16/17	RO CNST

Minnesota Repeater Council

Membership and Renewal application form

Name of organization or individual sponsor: _____

Repeater Call: _____ Frequency(s): _____

Repeater Location(s): _____

Trustee information (MRC Main Contact).

Trustee Callsign: _____ Name: _____

Phone: _____ Address: _____

Email: _____ City: _____

Other: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Club or alternate contact/mailing address.

Callsign: _____ Name: _____

Phone: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Type of Application: Renewal New membership Trustee Change Database Update

- Regular Membership
Dues \$10.00 year
Organization or individual who is operating a Amateur Repeater Station on a frequency coordinated by the MRC. Has one vote at all meetings. Receives all mailings.
- Associate Member
Dues \$ 5.00 year
Organization or individual with a active interest in constructing an Amateur Radio Repeater station or in the activities of the MRC. Can participate in the activities of the MRC but has no vote. Receives all mailings.
- Newsletter
Dues \$ 5.00
Receives one copy of MRC newsletter for 1 year.
Or download for free from the MRC webpage

Signed: Repeater Trustee/Regular Member

Date: _____

Mail all Applications and dues to:
Minnesota Repeater Council
Jerry Dorf, N0FWG Secretary/Treasurer
601 Sunset Street
Buffalo MN 55313
763-682-2169
jerryd@jerryd.net

of years Paid: _____

Total Amount: _____

Check #: _____

Name on Check: _____

Other Info: _____

Membership Approval Granted: _____ Date: _____

Dues Paid for: 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031 2032 2033

Agenda
Minnesota Repeater Council General meeting
Spring 2018

I. Call to order 1:00 PM

- A. Welcome
- B. Establish quorum
- C. Introduction of officers and members
- D. Review Agenda

II. Reports

- A. Chairman
- B. Secretary & treasurer report
- C. Frequency coordinators report
- D. Technical Committee

III Individual Announcements

- A.

IV. Applications for membership

- A. Mike Thompson AE0MT Reg Burnsville
- B. Terry Johnson W0TRJ Reg Atkin
- C.

V. Old business.

- A. Coordination Data Committee
- B. UHF Full Duplex links
- C. Great River Library Donation
- D. Bylaw changes Quorum and amendments

VI. New business

- A.
- B.

VII. Spring Meeting, Metro location.

VIII. Adjournment

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Delegate Registration (Proxy) Form

Regular member. _____

Repeater Call: _____ Frequency: _____

Trustee: Call: _____ Name: _____

A regular member is an organization or individual that is the Trustee of record for an operating repeater in the MRC frequency coordination database with MRC membership dues paid in full at the start of the meeting.

Primary Delegate Call: _____ Name: _____

Alternate Delegate #1 Call: _____ Name: _____

Alternate Delegate #2 Call: _____ Name: _____

Restrict voting privileges: If you wish to be registered for purposes if counting attendance, but do not want your assigned delegate to have voting privileges, check here

Duration of Proxy: Check here to allow this proxy to be used at future MRC meetings. This proxy may be altered or revoked at any time by the regular member. Check here to restrict voting to current meeting.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Regular Member (Trustee)

Please mail this proxy to the Secretary at least one week prior to the meeting. Advance registration is appreciated.