

**Florida Repeater Council
Meeting Minutes
Orlando Hamfest
Saturday February 9, 2008**

Open Meeting commenced at 16:06

1. President's opening announcements
2. There will be a Miami Hamfest on October 25, 2008.
3. Victoria Avalon (Attorney), NQ1T, representing NI4CE 442.850 inquired on the status of this Lake Placid repeater application. She was informed that the request had been released by the Director and was in queue for coordination.
4. Larry Monroe N2HBX inquired how he could get back his coordination's for 146.730,442.700,442.525, and 443.525 as part of the Orange County EOC/Races. These coordination's were given to ACOY per a letter received by the Board. Long discussion followed involving several individuals from Orange County EOC and several interested parties. The Board advised the affected parties to work out the situation between them and that the Board would abide by the final decisions arrived at by the affected parties. It was also noted that the ACOY coordination's expire in April unless he puts machines on the air.
5. Al Shimp KG4TFI complained of a long standing interference issue between the Largo 146.970 and the Ocala 146.970. The Ocala machine is over 1,000 ft without PL and interferes with the Largo machine. Al stated that they have tried to work with the Ocala group for several years without success. The Largo group believes that the Ocala coordination had expired was renewed after the expiration and that this should require them to have PL per the FRC requirements. The Coordinator will check the status of the Ocala coordination to see if this applies. The Board advised the Largo group to file a complaint with the FCC.
6. Doug Welcker, WB4KGY, President of FADCA, asked how the FRC will manage the digital packet coordination's and how we would publish this information. The Board advised that our representative to FADCA will work with FADCA to bring that information up to date and to get it to the FRC for publishing. The FRC will publish this information on the FRC web site.
7. Paul Eakin, KJ4G, asked the board how he could coordinate DSTAR repeaters in Tallahassee. The Board advised Paul to contact his Director for help in obtaining available frequency pairs. Paul was also advised on how to go online to submit his coordination requests.
8. Justin Pozo, KC2CWC, asked about the status of his 146.700 coordination in D1. There is a short space issue with 146.985 in Cooper City D2. After discussion with D1 and D2 Directors it was determined that there are no interference issues so the coordination can be granted.
9. Ken Hendrickson, N8KH advised that the 3 PCARS W4MLB repeaters have not submitted their coordination renewals. The Board noted that the 6 month grace period expires on 2/17. The Board advised Ken to get the updates submitted before 2/17.
10. Steve Wilkins, KT4AZ, asked if the FRC notifies repeater owners when their coordination's expire. The Board advised that we do not send notices and that it was the responsibility of the owners to keep their coordination's current.
11. Ralph Tullo, NOLO, thanked the FRC for his 3 DSTAR coordination's in D2.

Open Meeting Adjourned at 17:10

Board Meeting Commenced at 17:20

1. Roll Call-All present.
2. Secretary's reading of previous minutes waived. Minutes of October 13, 2007 Board Meeting in Melbourne accepted.
3. Treasury Report-detailed version sent by email to the Directors
Balance \$8,431.30. Report accepted.
4. Database Manager Report
1,342 coordination's in database
16 pending new applications
25 pending renewals
5 pending updates
5. Director Reports
D1 – No open issues.
D2 – No open issues. Here are several new P25 and DSTAR coordination's in the District.
D3 – Reported some issues between clubs. A few expired coordination's.
D4 – No open issues.
D5 – Issues with 145.390. Processed some new applications.
D6 – Processed some renewals. And one expired coordination was fixed. Should 146.910 be required to use PL?
D7 – Processed a few new applications.
D8 – US Navy 145.450 coordination has expired. We are waiting on the Navy to assign a Trustee so the paperwork can get filed. This could take a long time, so to hold the coordination until then, Frank Butler, D8 Director, will file for the coordination and hold it until the Navy is ready. Frank is having issues with a new coordination request from Ewan Moore (erroneous coordinates and frequencies). The coordinates are now correct and the applicant has requested 145.110. This action was voted and approved by the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

6. Revisions to FRC Policy by Mark Filla, D2.
Board reviewed and added "Geographical changes to be approved by the Holder of the Coordination" in the section dealing with coordination changes. Update voted and approved by the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Elections
 - a. President: Ray Kassis nominated. Vote unanimous.
 - b. Directors 1,3,5,7: motion to reappoint. Vote unanimous.
 - c. VP, Secretary, Treasurer, Coordinator, Database Mgr: motion to reappoint. Vote unanimous
8. Can an application for coordination be renewed, updated, or reapplied for if the machine is not on the air after the 6 month grace period? Addressed in updated FRC Policy.
9. Can we provide an easy way for applicants to provide us correct coordinates on applications? Should we list acceptable web sites on the FRC site for applicants to use? Dana to put something on the FRC website.

10. Have we delisted the NG4R repeater in Fernandina Beach? The repeater has been delisted.
11. How are we handling FADCA data? Current FADCA coordination's are out of date. FADCA coordinator is having holders renew their coordination's and will submit updates to FADCA and FRC.
12. Update on 145.390 in Clermont. The FCC has upheld the new coordination.
13. We need a backup system if there is no response from a Director on pending issues. Even though the FRC rule is to dismiss open applications after 30 days if there is no activity, we have held open apps pending processing. See Section 23 in updated FRC policy.
14. Can we discuss moving our meetings to a time slot starting at 12 noon? Ray Kassis to work alternatives which could include separating the Open Meeting from the Board Meeting, different locations, different times.
15. Could there be a way for Directors to process an application without having to rekey it? The Coordinator agreed to accept the original request with changes included in the application as an appendix (if any).
16. Chris Weldon, D3, asked if the renewal period could be made longer than 2 years. Discussion followed that a 2 year period helps to release inactive coordination's. No action.
17. Additional FRC Policy change. Holder requirement is added only to new applications and renewals. Online new coordinations, renewals and updates now demand the coordination holder from the submitter. Voted and approved by Board.
18. Mark Filla, D2, wants PL Recommendation list revised as follows:
Monroe and Dade Counties: PL 94.8
Broward, Palm Beach and Martin Counties: PL 110.9
This request is to alleviate possible interference between same frequency coordination's between D1 and D2. Motion to approve, votes
4 Yes and 2 No. Motion passed.
19. The FRC will consider a proposal to begin to re-farm the 2 meter band from 20 and 15 KHz to 10 KHz with 30 mile adjacent channel separation.
20. Newly created 10 KHz channels to require "Narrow Band" equipment. The proposal will be posted on the web and voted on at the Melbourne meeting.

Board Meeting Adjourned at 18:20

Minutes Submitted by:
Marshall Paisner, N4BIF
Secretary FRC