

Ron's Recollection of Montgomery 11/08/03 meeting highlights – 3/17/04

(in case Jack doesn't retrieve his "minutes" – David (secretary) was not present ...
..... Note added 8/20/04 by Ron – Jack did mail had **written minutes** to Ron on 8/13/04
– attached to this document.

Meeting was held at 11:00 ? so that folks traveling could be back (deviation from by-laws) – was late getting started due to previous forum in room but N8DEU made up for that by offering use of his projector which helped the ARC program. Meeting was presided over by President: Dave Baughn with assistance from FC Ron Shaffer.

1. Error in ARC Region layout on web page (not in line with by-laws) was discussed and fixed to mirror by-laws – later discussion in trying to fill all director slots resulted in Choctaw county being moved from southern region to south central region (to move Dennis Duran from South to SC & allow for western representation in both regions, including Mobile area) – by-laws need to be updated (web page has been updated)
2. Elected three new directors – Weiley Boswell KE4LTT – Montgomery area to SC region, Brent Gourley – Dothan area to SO region and John Billingsley (Bay Minette area) to So region – John was not present but had indicated willingness to serve – since then, he has been un-responsive and not confirmed (see note below on directors) – this was the first time in years we have had a full slate of directors.
3. Discussed need to lower separation requirements on 900 Mhz Bands and 1.2 Gig to 75 miles commensurate with our vote to do this on 440 last year – motion worded to include all bands above 440 passed
4. Ron Shaffer briefed everyone on timetable for getting corrections in for the ARRL repeater directory submission
5. With Laptop & projector, Ron Shaffer demonstrated the new Windows based "Coordinator's Toolkit database software" The switch from the older DOS based FC/RG and "Eight" software has added true "relational database" capability along with many other enhancements – A massive database clean up effort of many hours was accomplished by Ron and his wife and Kim (WG8S) . There has been excellent support by the software author. A motion was made to donate \$100 to the author of the software which passed.
6. A discussion took place regarding re-publication of ARC data by folks other than ARRL (Maps, CDs and books). It was agreed that the ARC should pursue some reasonable financial benefit from these publishers in exchange for our data (as opposed to just giving our data to them - data which takes many volunteer hours to maintain). Any benefit would help offset ARC operating expenses. Dave Baughn agreed to look into this and attempt contact with at least two publishers already identified.
7. A discussion took place regarding how we might have a directors meeting via conference call or some other electronic means to defer travel since the next hamfest slated for a meeting was not until Birmingham in the spring. It was pointed out that our by-laws allow for directors meetings, including voting via

- “electronic means” which some said could include e-mail. It was agreed that the by-laws provided the “hooks” to allow us to do what we needed in this regard.
8. Regional reports were given from each director present.
 9. Some hams from Selma requested formal “off air warning letters” for a 2M repeater in Selma.
 10. Minutes constructed from memory and old e-mails – so we would not lose it !
- Ron Shaffer – 3/17/04