

Alabama Repeater Council

Meeting Minutes – Birmingham HamFest, March 5, 2011

The meeting was called to order by David Drummond, W4MD at 10:40 a.m. The minutes from the previous meeting, Montgomery HamFest was read, approved with minor corrections.

Presidents Report given by David Drummond, W4MD:

Dave Baughn, KX4I had stepped down from the office of Vice President, and would not seek reelection.

The repeater database files were submitted to the ARRL at the end of January with nearly 340 entries.

Elections are scheduled for Huntsville HamFest, August 20, 2011. David will provide information to Directors prior to that meeting in email as to positions and terms of service. Questions and discussion was held concerning rules and bylaws about elections and if anyone was interested in serving, or knew of anyone interested, to contact Davis, W4MD

Treasures report given by Kirk Junkin, N4KRJ

2010 EOY Financials Statement was submitted and approved.

Current checking balances as of April 4, 2011: Main Checking: 2662.49

Secondary: 150.00

Cert Deposit: 5741.83 **8554.32**

Discussion was made over the status of the banking accounts. BBVA Compass is charging ARC 3.00 a month for online banking. Suggestions were made to investigate an alternative bank to conduct business with. Kirk agreed to investigate, and would correlate the setup of new banking accounts with the Certificate of Deposit renewal scheduled for April 29, 2011, and will have updated information about possible banking options available at the Greenville HamFest on May 7, 2011 because it will be inside the grace period for renewal of the C.D. without withdrawing a penalty.

Status of 501c3 was discussed. Kirk reported that all paperwork had been submitted for the reapplication to the IRS, and was awaiting confirmation.

Frequency Coordinator report given by Howard Grant, K4WWN

Only a few coordination pending. Not much activity. Most UHF/VHF frequencies north of Montgomery are full.

Ron Shaffer, W4VM, asked about some narrow banding of frequency pairs. Frank Butler, W4RH, from the Florida Repeater Council, added that Florida had been implementing narrow banding for about 4 -5 years.

Directors Reports:

Southern Region

Bob Luman, W4MPQ – no major issues. Andalusia repeater still has antenna issues.

Greenville D-Star ongoing configuration, setup and installation

UHF in Georgianna is pending installation.

South-Central Region

York Repeater has a new PL Tone – 210.7

North-Central Region

Ron Arant, N4PHP – Dstar repeater had to be relocated from current site.

444.425 repeater will go off air and be decoordinated

Northern Region

No Report.

NOTE: These minutes are submitted to be approved at the Huntsville HamFest, due to the fact that the ARC Meeting scheduled for Greenville on May 7, was cancelled due to the events of April 27, 2011.