

## **Alabama Repeater Council – Meeting: Huntsville, Alabama Hamfest – August 15, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by David Drummond, W4MD at 10:00 am. David recognized special guests, Frank Butler, W4RH from the Florida Repeater Council and John Davis, WB4QDX, from Georgia, a representative of S.E.R.A.

David reviewed the minutes from the Mobile Hamfest, and publically thanked Ben Baldwin, WX4MOB for hosting ARC at the Mobile Hamfest. Motion to approve and accept minutes, with one exception to correct the date of the Hamfest to reflect 2015. Second, motion carried.

David, W4MD, presented the Presidents Report. As outgoing President, he hopes ARC will continue to strive to increase its membership. He believes that ARC serves a valuable purpose in its function as the coordination body for Amateur Radio Repeaters in Alabama. David will not be seeking a new term as President

### **Elections of New Officers:**

Nomination of President of Ben Baldwin, WX4MOB was made from the floor. Discussion was allowed, and David, W4MD noted that Ben had expressed interest in the position, and they had discussed the position on prior occasions. Motion, and second to approve the nomination. Vote made with raising of hands; 2/3 majority present approve.

Nomination of Vice President of Dennis Littleton, K4DL was made from the floor. Discussion was allowed with no additional nominations made. Motion and second to approve the nomination. Vote made with raising of hands; 2/3 majority present approve.

Nomination of Secretary / Treasurer of Kirk Junkin, N4KRJ was made from the floor. Discussion was allowed, with no additional nominations made. Motion and second to approve the nomination. Vote made with raising of hands; 2/3 majority present approve.

The position of Frequency Coordinator is an appointed position, and serves at the pleasure of the ARC Directors. Motion was made by Rusty Hoyt, KG4QBE, with second from Freddie O'Neal, W4FRG, to reappoint Howard Grant, K4WWN as Frequency Coordinator. Vote made with raising of hands; 2/3 majority present approve.

### **Elections of New Directors:**

Positions for election include Lester Crane, Ralf Hogan, Tommy Golden, and Ben Baldwin.

Ralf Hogan had expressed interest in continuing to serve. Nominations from the floor were opened, with no additional names offered. Vote was made by raising of hands and elected by acclamation.

Lester Crane had expressed interest in continuing to serve. Nominations from the floor were opened, with Grady Evans, W4GLE being nominated. No additional names were offered. Vote was held by raising and counting of hands, with the reelection of Lester Crane to the position.

Tommy Golden had expresses interest in continuing to serve. Nominations from the floor were opened, with no additional names offered. Vote was made by raising of hands and elected by acclamation.

Ben Baldwin vacated his position by election to the President position. Nominations from the floor were opened, with Norman Knapp, N5NPO being nominated. No additional names were offered. Vote was made by raising of hands and elected by acclamation.

With elections being complete, David Drummond, W4MD relinquished his position, as Ben Baldwin assumed the role of moderator, as President-Elect.

Ben, WX4MOB spent a few minutes introducing himself, and talking about his years in the hobby, and looked forward to leading ARC into the future.

### **Secretary / Treasurer Report: Kirk Junkin, N4KRJ**

Current Checking Balance: **3607.58**

Current Savings Balance: **5787.35**

The larger expenses for the year include reimbursements to elected officers for travel to Mobile Hamfest. Those expenses, however, were offset by a donation to ARC earmarked for that event. YTD ARC checking has a positive \$300.00 cash flow since January 1, 2015

### **Frequency Coordinator Report: Howard Grant**

Currently working on 5 active coordination requests, with several others already approved. Howards written notes are attached to the master copy of this document.

Howard commented on the ongoing task of the Repeater Coordination Update that was undertaken about a year ago, with approximately 630 repeater renewals sent via U. S. Mail, about 50% have been contacted and returned. Howard will send the Directors the list, as long as posted on the website so that Directors can help contact those that have not replied.

**Director Reports:**

Ralf Hogan: working on a few repeaters in the area, but no huge issues.  
Steve Flory: would like to help Howard with the no-reply list, so help contact trustees.  
Bill Rogers: Has been working on their club repeater, but all else is quiet.  
Lester Crane: No issues. Working on some Fusion installs in the area.  
Rusty Hoyt: No issues. The 147.925 will be off-air for a while, as new tower is needed.  
Jack Evans: not in attendance  
Tommy Golden: Dealing with lightning strikes, with a few repeaters damaged, but working on getting them back online.  
Wiley Boswell: not in attendance  
Dennis Duren: 147.000 in York, AL has been off air, but working on repairs, and have temporary machine online  
Norman : not in attendance  
Bob Luman: Working with a Fusion system in Greenville  
James Nelson: not in attendance

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

With the election of the Vice President, Ben, WX4MOB, incoming President, would like to have the V.P. act as a committee chairperson, as allowed by the Bylaws to head up a Technical Committee to organize groups of Elmer's across the state to help new, and older Hams improve their operating techniques. Along with the committee formation, Ben, WX4MOB will make a yearly donation to ARC to cover the expense of purchasing and distributing Operators Booklets to help improve hams knowledge in proper radio protocols.

Steve Flory suggested that a section of the ARC website be made available for repeater trustees, and other interested in posting information about extra equipment, or parts, so that the information could be available for everyone to see, and share. Kirk, N4KRJ noted that such a forum addition would be made to the ARC website.

**Special Guest: Frank Butler, W4RH**

The Florida Repeater Council is working well with Howard, and ARC. No huge issues and those that do pop up on occasion are resolved quickly. Florida Hams continue to bring up new System Fusion cites. In addition, the UHF linked repeater system now has 21 units online, with a few left in the Florida Panhandle.

**Special Guest: John Davis, WB4QDX**

John expressed his thanks for ARC and Howard for his work with SERA when it is needed for surrounding coordination requests. There is new SERA leadership changes in Mississippi, and those coordination requests should flow much better. John added that SERA, too has been working to clean up its paper repeaters for over two years, and understands the hardships of contacting those trustees.

No further business, the meeting was adjourned by Ben, WX4MOB at 10:50 am.

Respectfully Submitted  
Kirk Junkin, N4KRJ

Attendees

Ed Tyler, N4EDT  
Rusty Hoyt, KG4QBE  
Frank Butler, W4RH  
Ben Baldwin, WX4MOB  
Freddie O'Neal, Jr., W4FRG  
David Bash, KI4IKM  
Chris Johns, KI4GGH  
Mark Artis, KF4NOD  
Kris Kirby, KE4AHR  
**Ralph Hogan, W4XE**  
Kirk Junkin, N4KRJ

**Kimball Findlay, KC4RZW**  
**Bill Rogers, WB4NQH**  
**Grady Evans, W4GLE**  
John Davis, WB4QDX  
**Bob Luman, W4MPQ**  
Brian Poellnitz, N4BWP  
Gerald Moore, KJ4SVL  
Mike Shaw, NR4B  
Steve Flory, W9KOP  
**Ron Shaffer, W4VM**  
David Key, KD4LZN

George Grabryan, Jr., KF4DZG  
**Bruce Wilson, KF4FWX**  
**Dennis Littleton, K4DL**  
**Dennis Duren, KE4ROA**  
Tommy Golden, W4WTG  
**Dennis Lawson, W4TCL**  
**William Lowry, Jr., KK4CWX**  
Eileen Sexton, KM4ASI  
Jacque Flort, N4VCN  
Howard Grant, K4WWN

Names in **BOLD** indicate dues paid.