

Iowa Repeater Council
Meeting via Zoom
September 1, 2020

Due to Covid-19 this meeting was held through Zoom. Present were: Tom Reis, Jason Skretta, Paul Crowley. Absent Ron Luse and Angie Paytes.

Agenda Items -

Wisconsin Band plan and why we should adopt it.
De-coordination procedures and rules.
No hamfest on Oct 4, 2020.
Things are in good shape at the Iowa Repeater Council.
Coordinations.

Paul thanks the membership for all their help in the past year.

The following were de-coordinated as of October 1, 2020 if no correspondence was received:

Carroll	NW Region	146.805	KC0UIO
Cedar Rapids	EC Region	443.8	NOMA
Marion	EC Region	444.375	KX9Y
Shenandoah	SW Region	444.825	KB0NUR

There was a discussion of having a 3 year de-coordination process threshold vs 4 years. Most were in favor of 3 years. The IARC favors 1 year de-coordination.

There are 46 repeaters on the list that has not responded to the annual renewals in the past year.

There are a large number of un-coordinated repeaters in Iowa. Paul is asking for help on getting these uncoordinated repeaters coordinated.

Discussed a tone map. Wisconsin has a primary and secondary tone and then extended that further to digital primary and secondary tones. This produces an opportunity to avoid interference.

Our long term plan is to move application and renewal processes online. If you have any web development expertise, please contact Paul or Tom.

Discussion on the Wisconsin Band Plan - The reason to update the band plan is to modernize it to be better aligned with adjacent states and because Iowa does not have a formal band plan. The Council is looking at Wisconsin only as a guideline. Looking for best practices. One thing Wisconsin has done is taken the ATV band that was not being utilized and reallocated that for repeaters and links in the 441 section. Gives us the opportunity to potentially designate state wide 70 cm shared not protected pairs, opportunities for us to designate state wide frequencies

for portable or temporary repeater operations both analog and digital, maybe open up with some experimental links with hot spots, low power digital modes and etc.

Cliffy made a proposal similar to this 3 years ago for 2m UHF statewide/emergency 1 pair. Get 1 pair at least 1.5 megahertz apart, Cliff has the hardware to set this portable amateur repeater up on a trailer with a 50' tower. This trailer could then be deployed as needed or requested. Cliffy has volunteered to help anyway he can except for web page development. Paul said that this would offer us an opportunity to designate a specific section of the band for cross band repeaters or remote base type operation.

Cliffy mentioned what can we do as Hams to be more involved? Socially. Next weather event deploy the ARS trailers in Des Moines to the residents to charge phones, computers and etc.

It was also mentioned that it is very important to Iowa to proceed to standardize a band plan. It is very much in keeping with the concept of amateur radio to make sure that we have got some 70 cm frequencies available in advance for the future.

Please let Tom know about the feedback of tonight's meeting.

Meeting lasted 41:47.

Angie Paytes
Board Secretary

Discussion: Initial things to look at and evaluate. Statewide itinerant frequency that maybe different from Wisconsin. Possible changes in bandwidth/narrow banding. How would we handle amateur TV only

All in favor. Motion carried

2nd. If you haven't recertified in 4 years then you will be decordinated. There will be attempts and efforts to contact. Shows Good Faith.

Tom made the motion Board directs the frequency coordinator to proceed with decordination of repeaters with no updates in the last 4 years or more understanding that the frequency coordinator will make a good faith effort to contact any party(ies) associated with the coordinated frequency.

Paul 2nd.

No Discussion

All in favor. Motion carried.

3rd. Online payment option for dues. Vice President Jason to move this forward.

Paul made the motion by Jan 1, 2020 set up website and bank account to be able to accept online payments.

Tom 2nd.

Discussion: Paypal?

All in favor. Motion carried

4th. Tom made motion to set up incoming payment account with Veridian Credit Union.

Paul 2nd.

No discussion.

All in favor. Motion carried.

5th. There are 68 members in groups IO list.

6th. Tom made the motion for online coordination application by Jan 1, 2020 and Jason to work on this.

Angie 2nd.

No Discussion

All in favor. Motion carried.

7th. Misc items.

Discussed Bylaw update, renewal process and shared drives. Des Moines hamfest we would present the 1st reading of the plan. Cedar Rapids hamfest we would vote for approval.

Board agrees to meet via tele conference to discuss bylaw changes and band plan adoptions.

Jason made a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned 1:28 pm.

Angie Paytes
Secretary.