

Iowa Repeater Council  
Des Moines  
April 23, 2022

Present: Jason Skretta KC0EDE, Paul Cowley W0YR, Angie Paytes  
KD0RRW

Absent: Tom Reis N0VPR, Larry Locke KD0GFY

There were 16 members in attendance with additional members dialing in.

The meeting was brought to order at 10:03 am by Paul Cowley. Tom Reis was present before the meeting but needed to leave. Jason talked about improvements to the website and another member mentioned how great the renewal process worked.

Minutes approved and Treasurers Report - \$8,924.64.

There was a late start in getting the renewals out this year. Next year should be earlier. There was 68% participation in the online renewal process and after taking dues after the meeting, there should not be many paper renewals to be mailed out. Renewals were open for approximately one month, with no participation in the last week.

Regarding coordinations, there is 1 2m that has been approved and 1 2m near Traer that is in the process of being approved. There are no openings on the West side of State for 2m to coordinate and very limited across the rest of the state. If you know of any repeaters that need to be evaluated let us know. I believe that there are 3 2m frequencies open and 1-70 cm. Changes in coordination for more 2m is very time extensive. Paul explained the process.

A member asked about removal of non-used repeaters. At first, the owner was given 6 years to reply. Now it is down to 4 years and may go down to 3yrs. The Council has a very strict protocol that is followed before any

repeater is de-coordinated and Paul went through the steps. By cleaning up the non-used repeaters, this did open up some 2m.

Questions were asked about the Wisconsin Band Plan. Paul said the same thing that was reported in the August 7, 2021 minutes:

The council would like to adopt a band plan for Iowa. The Wisconsin band plan has been reviewed extensively and the council would like to use this plan as a reference. This plan will be emailed and feedback is appreciated. "Changes to the recommended band plans will have the most impact on 70cm. And there should be a reference to NTSC repeaters (fast-scan analog television signals). Specifically, the Wisconsin band plan for 70cm does not allow coordination of any further NTSC repeaters, and I'm not sure we want to take that step in Iowa due to current NTSC activity in the Quad Cities," said Paul. A member did inform us that there is a NTSC repeater in Omaha that covers into Iowa.

There was mention of a mesh networking in giga range by a local club.

There was a question regarding the paper renewal process. Initially the owner is given 7-10 days to respond. If not, then a 2nd reminder is sent. If there has been a problem with their email, a brightly colored slip is enclosed.

The council is aware that there is a problem with receiving emails on a timely basis. We are going to look into other web servers to solve this problem. Presently, there is a problem with emails that have a hotmail, msn or outlook account. If you are expecting an email from the council please check your spam folder or if you use hotmail, msn or outlook, we may not have received your email.

A member asked about if an individual requested an excel formatted data would we send it out by email? It is possible we could, but we would have to add security features, so the document isn't spammed and used by others.

Please remember it is your obligation to renewal your repeater. If there are any issues please let us know so we can help you. Also, you must add yourself to the [lowaRC@groups.io](mailto:lowaRC@groups.io) to receive notices. Go to <https://groups.io/g/W0YL> to join the group.

KE0BX made the motion to close the meeting. KC0YSU second. Meeting adjourned 10:32 am.

Angie Paytes KD0RRW  
Secretary Treasurer