Iowa Repeater Council

 Linn County Fairgrounds

August 5, 2023

Present: Jason Skretta KCØEDE, Angie Paytes KDØRRW, Paul Cowley W0YR

Absent: Larry Locke KDØGFY, Tom Reis NØVPR

There were 15 members present.

The meeting was brought to order at 12:00 noon by Jason Skretta KCØEDE.

Minutes from last meeting were passed out and not voted on for approval. Treasurers Report is $9,374.62 that includes a deposit from dues in the amount of $269.08. The domain renewal expense was just shy of $50.00.

No old or new business was discussed. However, Paul Crowley, WØYR, did remind us that 2 meter coordination is very limited and 70 meter coordination is basically wide open. The last thing we want to do is decoordinate a repeater in use. We are down to 4 years before we decoordinate.

If you know of any repeater on the air that is not coordinated, please look for call sign or owner/trustee. Give all that information to Paul, W0YR.

New discussions:

Tax Exempt Status for Property from State that towers sit on.

 In the past, tax assessors have been appraising the property that towers sat on. This caused confusion, increased expenses and ultimately antennas removed from the tower. Since ham radio is basically a free service, this expense should not be incurred. The members here indicated that they would like the State of Iowa to issue a property tax exempt status for this property. Lee Garner, WAØUIG, our ARRL representative was present and will have ARRL present this to the state representatives.

Derecho.

 What else can be done to alert family that their loved ones are safe after a storm that do not have an ametuer license? Get a GMRS license, notify your local CERT, ARES group and/or mobile EMA.

More names on Coordination paperwork.

 Presently asked is Trustee, Sponsor, and primary contact of repeater. The reason for this is owners are passing on and if there are more names on paperwork, then it would be easier to keep repeater coordinated. Note: I believe we have discussed this in past meetings and is duly noted as we don’t want to decoordinate any repeater.

E-Mail/Spam.

 We are still experiencing emails not getting to us in a timely manner. Us board members are receiving the emails, however, they are going to our spam folder. If you do not hear from us in a few days, please ask again. One of us will try to acknowledge that we received your email.

Group messages.

 We do have the ability to “chat” in the group messages. To sign up, go to IowaRC@groups.io.

Time/Date of this meeting.

 We are not sure what happened but the Board did not know what time this meeting would be until 2-3 days before August 5. Some of us did not know until the day off. We sincerely hope this does not happen again.

End of Discussions.

We are open and transparent. We are here for you.

If there are any issues please let us know so we can help you. Also, you must add yourself to the IowaRC@groups.io to receive notices. Go to <https://groups.io/g/W0YL> to join the group.

Remember renewals are your responsibility. Fees are $5.00 per person not repeater.

Meeting adjourned 12:58 pm.

Angie Paytes KDØRRW

Secretary Treasurer