



CT Spectrum Management Association

CSMA Meeting Minutes for December 2, 2012

Paul Gibson called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM

Attending were:

Paul Gibson N1TUP
Dana Underhill KB1QEV
Bruce Moore N1ZU
Don Gouin K1CMM
Jeffrey Galin W1JG
Fran Miele W1FJM
Steve Verbil NA1SV
Bruce Marcus N1XG
Curt Seaton W1FSM @ 10:10
John Haverick W1GPO @ 11:15

The attendees introduced themselves.

Discussion of the missing minutes from last meeting. The outcome of the election at that meeting, one year ago, resulted in the following:

Rod Lane was re-elected to Vice President
Steve Verbil was elected as Secretary
Bob Meister was elected as Director for the 203 area

Years ago, all of our positions terms ended at the same time. Now, we have three year terms, but they are staggered, so that people that were elected last year will be in office through 2014

<u>Office</u>	<u>Call</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Expiration (* = up for election)</u>
President	N1TUP	Paul Gibson	12/31/2012*
Vice President	N1FNE	Rod Lane	12/31/2012
Secretary	NA1SV	Steve Verbil	12/31/2014
Treasurer	N1CNV	Bill Unghire	12/31/2012*

Office	Call	Name	Expiration (* = up for election)
Director of 203 area	WA1MIK	Bob Meister	12/31/2014
Director of 860 area	KB1AEV	Dana Underhill	12/31/2012*
Director at Large	W1AN	John Spigel	12/31/2013
Director at Large	N1XG	Bruce Marcus	12/31/2013

Bob Meister has indicated that he is not interested in continuing as 203 Director, and will serve until the end of this year.

Curt Seaton W1FSM indicated that he would be willing to serve as the 203 Director. Fran Miele W1FJM indicated that he is interested in serving as Treasurer.

Therefore, the only contested office is Treasurer, between Fran and Bill Unghire.

By show of hands, Fran was elected unanimously as Treasurer for the term .

By show of hands, the secretary was asked to cast one ballot for all other offices up for election, and therefore Paul Gibson was re-elected as President, Dana Underhill was re-elected as 860 Director, and Curt Seaton was elected to fill the remainder of the term for the 203 Director position.

We've had very few requests for new frequencies. We had some requests to move repeaters, one of which was rejected by New York.

There has been much more activity in coordination requests from our neighbors. Discussion followed regarding examples of coordination, and coordination issues, with adjacent region coordinators.

For example, the D-Star repeater in Bristol was coordinated by CSMA, and coordination notices were sent to every coordinator. After another repeater in Massachusetts showed up on the frequency, their trustee complained about interference they were receiving from the Bristol repeater, and it escalated to the FCC. CSMA responded to a request for information from the FCC, and they have told us that they would be taking no action regarding the Massachusetts repeater trustee's complaint.

Dana said that all of the updates from Connecticut repeaters have been processed and sent out to the trustees. Steve reported that he had received GNARC's repeater coordinations.

Dana discussed the problem with out-of-state trustees contacting our trustees and asking for them to allow coordination of a repeater of theirs. We have had instances of the filing not matching the parameters that the out-of-state trustee told our Connecticut repeater trustee. Dana cautioned all coordinated repeater trustees to contact CSMA when they are asked directly for information from out of state, and not to make "side bar" agreements with other trustees. CSMA can perform propagation analysis to see what the impact of the proposed out-of-state change would be, prior to any agreement from us to allow a co-channel assignment.

Discussion about a request from New York regarding the use of shared, non-protected (SNP) repeater pairs where New York wanted to coordinate it at the Connecticut border, at an altitude of 1200 feet. Does CSMA want to keep the two SNP pairs still listed? 145.430(-) and 442.000(+) are the SNP pairs for Connecticut. The consensus of the group was that CSMA will respond to New York with an explanation of the use of SNPs in Connecticut, and why a permanent, coordinated repeater on the frequency is not the way to provide the service they desire.

For those repeater trustees who have not responded to the repeated requests from CSMA for information, Dana explained that CSMA will not submit their listings to the ARRL for the annual repeater book.

The only expenses CSMA has is postage. Our organization has enough money to last for quite a while. CSMA receives \$1 for each repeater listing we submit to the ARRL each year. We do not plan to start charging for coordination services.

Discussion commenced regarding the number of meetings CSMA should have each year. The consensus was that we should try to have two meetings per year: one in the north and one in the south. We will send out a notice for a meeting in the south part of the state in the spring.

Motion made, seconded and passed to adjourn at 11:44 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Verbil, NA1SV