

Minutes of CSMA meeting, held at the Manchester Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
321 Olcott Street, Manchester, CT 06040.

Meeting called to order by Paul Gibson at 10:15 AM October 6, 2013

Present – Paul Gibson (N1TUP), Fran Miele (W1FJM), Dana Underhill (KB1AEV), Don Gouin (K1CMM), Rod Lane (N1FNE), Bruce Marcus (N1XG), Steve Verbil (NA1SV), John Spigel (W1AN)
(10:40 am)

Minutes accepted from previous meeting.

Treasurer's report – see attached. Moved (Vebil), seconded and unanimously accepted.

Letter from Steve Simons, CARA, to correct a listing of theirs – listing the wrong offset. Dana states that our submission to the League was correct – he will follow up.

Discussion on UHF band plan to potentially change the inputs and the outputs for 440 – high in/low out versus /low in / high out. However, this change would not work well because of PavePaws – we have written a position paper on this. Metrocor wants us to change to match them with high in, low out. We have explained to them why we cannot do this at this time.

At the current time, we have 18 cross coordination request from our neighbors.

As of January 1st, any repeaters that have not been updated with us, will be taken out of the database. We need to have accurate repeater data in order to be able to properly coordinate requests. Missing HAATs, no ERP, and so on. The Bethel 147.03 was discussed as an example of the difficulty that occurs when a conflicting cross-coordination comes in.

Discussion of whether or not to “expire” coordinations on a schedule in order to force updates from the Trustees. Motion to expire coordinations at 5 year. Motion by Fran, second by Verbil, to expire coordinations on a 5 year cycle. For existing coordinations, the clock will start January 1st, 2014. Passed unanimously.

Discussion of web entry of coordination data by trustees, with error checking that would reject an incomplete application. The users would have a web portal to make entries into the database John Spigel volunteered to assist with the web design.

Discussion regarding NESMC proposed 2-meter repeater in/outs. We have 3 current 1 MHz splits. We don't coordinate 1MHz splits anymore, NESMC doesn't, but Metrocor does. Long discussion on whether or not we support this. The committee unanimously voted this down. Our message to NESMC will state that the CSMA does not support the conversion of these simplex frequencies to repeater use.

Discussion of issues associated with repeaters off the air. Need for Trustees to notify CSMA that they are off-the-air. Guidelines covering this are on the CSMA web site.

Discussion regarding 145.510 – 145.800 frequency use in the CSMA 144 MHz frequency utilization plan. Changed the listing to “shared simplex modes (auxiliary)”.

145.670 DStar Calling frequency Bruce Marcus motions, N1FNE second, passed unanimously

Discussion of having a Spring meeting in Fairfield county. I would pick a Sunday in April of 2014 at Fairfield PD. I will get back to Paul on this.

Motion by Bruce, Second by Dana to adjourn. Adjourned at 12:16 PM