

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF OFFICERS
OF THE SOUTHERN NEVADA REPEATER COUNCIL, INC.**

Following are the minutes of a regular meeting of the officers and appointed frequency coordinators of SOUTHERN NEVADA REPEATER COUNCIL, INC., hereinafter SNRC, held at PT's Pub Gold located at Buffalo Rd & Sunset Rd, at 11:00AM on Saturday, March 31, 2018.

The following persons were present: Frank Kostelac, N7ZEV, Nat Talpis, W7OQF, Steve Gebhard, WB9STH and Bill Smith, W7HMV, all being officers of the corporation. In addition, coordinator, Blayne Ence, KG7SS was in attendance. Coordinator, Lee Dusbabek, N7LD, was not able to attend.

The meeting was duly convened and the Council was ready to transact such business as may lawfully come before it.

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer report: Frank reported that the Council's bank balance is \$1,481.34.

Once again, the issue of "paper" repeaters was addressed. Bill said that he will make an effort to use the SNRC database, as listed on the SNRC, website to attempt to access each repeater on the list which is in his range to access. If he is unable to raise a repeater, he will ask all the other officers & coordinators to attempt access. If a repeater cannot be accessed, we will contact the registered owner to document our efforts and ask the status of that repeater.

Bill reported that in 2017, the SNRC rendered fifteen (15) coordination approvals.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers:

The following SNRC members were unanimously elected to serve as officers for 2018:

President: Bill Smith, W7HMV

Secretary: Steve Gebhard, WB9STH

Treasurer: Frank Kostelac, N7ZEV

Robert Jones, KM6KZ emailed us, asking for recommendations for VHF & UHF simplex frequencies that would be suitable for cross-band experimentation. He also stated that he was concerned about causing interference with other users. After a discussion, and in spite of the general consensus that we do not favor repeater operations on simplex frequencies, we agreed to respond that we know of no simplex frequencies which can be considered to be clear in the Las Vegas valley. Bill will create and send a draft response to the Officers and Coordinators for their review prior to responding to Robert.

Last month we received an interference complaint from a Southern California repeater owner that his 146.79 repeater was being interfered with the KB6XN 146.79 Hi Potosi DMR repeater. Only the users of the owner's repeater who did not have the ability to use tone code/tone decode (CTCSS) capability had to deal with the interference. It was news to us that Paul, KB6XN had converted not only his VHF repeater but also his linked UHF repeater on High Potosi. He had not notified us of the change. Rather than issue a revocation of coordination, coordinator Blayne Ence knows Paul and offered to speak with him about it. As a result of that conversation, Paul sent a lengthy email to Blayne describing all his repeaters, at least one of which has never been coordinated. He also recognized that he needs to communicate with the SNRC about any changes to existing coordinated repeaters and any new repeaters.

We created a summary of items which need to be updated on the SNRC website based on Paul's email. Under the circumstances, all attendees voted in favor of Blayne's motion to consider Paul's explanation and information as coordination requests for his identified, existing repeaters, and accordingly, the SNRC approved his repeaters and will add them to the SNRC database and website.

Additionally, Paul described his prior efforts to resolve the interference problems with the Southern California repeater and he is willing to try another attempt to assist the repeater owner find a solution. It is important to understand that Paul's repeater is not interfering with that repeater per se, but only with users who do not have code/decode capability. Until Paul switched to DMR, there was never an issue.

Bill agreed to send an email to Paul explaining why his communicating with SNRC is to his benefit, for once coordination is approved, the frequencies are reserved for his use, and we solicit his cooperation in the future.

There being no further business, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55.

Billy Smith, Jr., W7HMY
President