

RRC BOD MEETING MINUTES 2023, MAY 2

By: RRC BOD Secretary Harry Hoffman, W3VBY

Attendance: Harry Hoffman, W3VBY; Joe Pietruszynski, AC3DI; Jason Potter, K3WDF; Nate Rosenthal, N2ADD; Scott Scheirer, KC3PCS; Chris Schlegel, K3ADA; Craig Wanner, K3CRG, and Ron Waszk, K3RJW.
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Absent: Janine Galiyano, K4AJZ

Visitors: None

This BOD meeting was held on Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. May 2, 2023 by a ZOOM computer meeting with BOD members present in their homes.

RRC President Joe Pietruszynski, AC3DI, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

We opened the meeting with the pledge to the American Flag.

RRC Secretary Harry Hoffman, W3VBY, had sent the preliminary April 11, 2023 RRC BOD Minutes by e-mail to all BOD Members. The final approved copy will be sent to all Board members, Rich Ahrens (W3WJC), and to Scott (KC3PCS) & Lori Scheirer, the Editors of the RRC Bulletin.

A motion was made by Ron Waszk, K3RJW, and seconded by Jason Potter, K3WDF, to accept the April 11, 2023 RRC BOD Minutes with minor corrections. (everyone has a copy). Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

TREASURERS REPORT

RRC Treasurer Nate Rosenthal, N2ADD, sent the Treasurers Report by e-mail to all BOD members. It gave the Income Statement Covering 4/01/2023 to 4/30/2023, and the Balance Sheet as of 4/30/2023. Report accepted as given.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

MEMBERSHIP

None

TRUSTEES REPORTS

W3BN – Trustee Craig W. Huntsinger, K3CWH. (not present – no report necessary)
The expiration of this license is March 6, 2026.

W3CCH - Trustee Harry Hoffman, W3VBY. (present – no report necessary)
The expiration of this license is September 16, 2024.

MEETINGS

Our next RRC General Meeting at the Ag Center will be held at 7:30 p.m. on May 5, 2023. The program will be by Harry Hoffman, W3VBY, about VE Testing History.

A Fox Hunt is scheduled for Saturday May 20 starting at 1 p.m. You will work from home and triangulate to find the location of the transmitter on 146.55 MHz.

Paul Berthinet, AE3U, is now in charge of the FLDIGI net. The next FLDIGI net will be held on Thursday May 4th on the 146.91 repeater starting at 7:30 p.m.

A Simplex Radio Test will be held on Saturday May 13th at 1 p.m. on 146.55 MHz. Mark Abramowicz, NT3Z, will be transmitting from the top of the Mt Penn Fire Tower.

We have a Pagoda Award for Craig Wanner, K3CRG.

OLD BUSINESS

We have 93 RRC Members.

Our next VE Exam is scheduled for June 24, 2023 at 1 p.m. at our Field Day site at Heritage Park in Sinking Spring, PA.

We plan on having a Field Day planning meeting prior to the June 9th RRC General Meeting.

Jason Potter, K3WDF reported on the Repeater Site maintenance and cleanup on Saturday April 22nd. The coax looks good. We removed a notch filter. Some safety cable holders need to be snapped in. We need to look at the ground strap at the top of the tower.

Tuesday September 26, 2023 is the Limerick Drill practice.

On Saturday September 23, 2023 we will have a special event station at the QTH of Steve Dobbs, NE3F, celebrating the 275th anniversary of the founding of the city of Reading.

Last year we had problems with the Flex Radio at Field Day. Ron Waszk, K3RJW, will be the Safety Officer at Field Day this year. He will oversee set-up and tear-down.

A report by Amy Lindenmuth, KB3SFD, Dave Fix, N3AMY, and Alan Melnyk, K3AJM, stated that the Audit results of the RRC Books look good.

NEW BUSINESS

We had a long discussion about the tower at the Repeater site. Tower climber AA1K does amateur towers at \$145/hour. His son charges \$60/hour. Plus travel time amounts to about \$2,000. A list of things to try: Put safety cable in holders- do a drone inspection- try separate antennas- put a discharge device on the cable, etc.

RRC Treasurer Nate Rosenthal, N2ADD, stated that payment for our Liability Insurance and equipment coverage is due in May.

A motion by Scott Scheirer, KC3PCS, and seconded by Ron Waszk, K3RJW, was made to make a \$93 donation to Newline. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Scott Scheirer, KC3PCS, noted that the RRC Website has a link to the "RRC 50 Year Features" .

The next **RRC BOD Meeting** is scheduled to be held on June 6, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

We plan on using ZOOM for all future RRC BOD Meetings.

The RRC ZOOM BOD meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. (Time in session as a Board 1 hour 30 minutes)

Thank you, Joe Pietruszynski, AC3DI, for helping us arrange the RRC ZOOM BOD meeting.