

**Two Meter Area Spectrum Management Association
1439 W. Chapman, PMB 90
Orange, CA 92868**

TASMA General Meeting Minutes

These Minutes Were Approved On 1 December 2007

Saturday, August 25, 2007

Walnut Library
21155 La Puente Rd.
Walnut, CA 91789

Attendees:

Members:

NO6B	Bob Dengler
KG6GI	Howard Brown
WA6ARC	Steven Grasha
W6CPA	Ken Chafin
N6ISY	Richard Bruno
KC6JAR	Leon Brown
KB6OUM	James Fish
KE6RYZ	Dennis Hughes
AD6VI	Stephen Early
KQ6NO	Richard Tate
KK6UE	Robert Paull
AB4AW	Richard Harwick
N6WZK	Joe Parrino

Guests:

W6NCT	Vern Potter
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1. Registration.
2. Meeting called to order at 10:30AM by Bob NO6B.
3. The members and guests present introduced themselves
4. The minutes of the April 7, 2007 General Meeting was reviewed and corrected (see appendix). On a motion by Ken, W6CPA; seconded by Howard KG6GI, the corrected minutes were approved on a vote of 13-0-1.
5. Howard KG6GI summarized our correspondence at about 275 pieces of mail compared to about 80 at the same time last year. This additional mail traffic is due to the recruitment letter that was mailed to over 400 repeater trustees and alternate contacts.
6. The National Frequency Coordination Council (NFCC) report was presented by Howard. The primary discussed recently was a lengthy set of e-mail

discussion on how the narrow and digital radios should be accommodated in regional band plans.

7. A lengthy and in-depth discussion took place on the Technical Committee's recent proposal to implement a change to the TASMA band plan to accommodate the new narrow bandwidth digital radios (e.g. D-Star) by decommissioning two packet frequencies and utilizing the Auxiliary Station frequency authorizations that were added to Part 97 of the FCC regulations earlier this year.

Bob Dengler provided a presentation to explain the TC recommendation (see appendix). Bob explained how radios similar to D-Star can be considered as providing point-to-point between users. He consulted with one of our local Official Observers (OO), Jan Tarsala, WB6VRN who agreed that D-Star radios could be considered auxiliary stations IAW Part 97.

Bob has monitored the packet frequencies extensively to assure that the two frequencies impacted have very limited, if any, activity.

The FCC has previously indicated that a radio system is what its owner claims it to be. Further, the FCC has sent mixed signals of how digital radios should be considered but historically has wanted to encourage experimentation with new technology.

After a full exploration of the issues and risks, and a desire that TASMA should support their coordinees in the event of a formal challenge, Steve, WA6ARC proposed and Ken, W6CPA seconded a motion to

“Propose to amend the TASMA Band Plan to allocate:

Input	Output
144.985 MHz	145.585 MHz
144.995 “	145.595 “
145.005 “	145.605 “
145.015 “	145.615 “

to accommodate very narrow band (i.e. can be accommodated with 10 KHz channel spacing) digital voice modes.” The motion was approved on a vote of 13-0-1.

8. Bob Dengler presented charts describing a Technical Committee recommendation to adopt regional (e.g. county oriented) CTCSS Tone Standardization Plan for open repeaters (see Appendix). The plan would assign CTCSS tones to open repeaters based on their location (e.g. Los Angeles County would use 100.0 Hz except for those cases where that is not practical for technical reasons).

Bob suggested that this recommendation would assist visitors to Southern California to make use of local open repeaters, specifically if they neglected to bring a repeater guide.

There was discussion of whether this should be a mandatory or voluntary requirement and whether it would apply to future coordinations or also to past coordinations.

Steve, AD6VI proposed and Leon, KC6JAR seconded a motion that:

“The CTCSS Tone Standardization Plan be adopted as best practices but not be a mandatory requirement” The motion was approved on a vote of 9-3-2.

9. A discussion took place on a suggestion by Bob Dengler that TASMA accept responsibility from SCRBBBA to coordinate repeaters and auxiliary stations in the 440 MHz to 450 MHz band. This is a natural result of the expressed dissatisfaction with the performance of SCRBBBA in the band segment. Many system operators have expressed the long and indeterminate period to receive consideration of new RFCs. With the arrival of narrow band digital radios this lack of responsiveness has become unacceptable.

Steve, WA6ARC proposed and Leon, KC6JAR seconded a motion to:

“Direct the Board to form a committee within TASMA to explore the possibility to assume coordination activity for the 440 to 450 MHz band segment.”

The motion was approved on a vote of 13-0-1.

10. A discussion of Board nominees for 2008 was held. Bob Dengler expressed a willingness to serve for 2008. He nominated Pat Finke for the Vice Chairman role. The Board has been advised that Mike Marin will be unavailable for 2008. Howard Brown indicated that he would server in 2008 on two conditions:

There was at least one candidate for each Board position, and there would be volunteers for at least two of the non-Board positions enumerated in the July newsletter, not including the NFCC Representation. Steve, AD6VI indicated a willingness and was nominated for the position of Secretary. Steven, WA6ARC indicated a willingness and was nominated for the position of Treasurer. This the nominated list is :

Chairman	Bob Dengler, NO6B
Vice-Chairman	Pat Finke, KC6ACL
Secretary	Stephen Early, AD6VI
Treasurer	Steven Grasha, WA6ARC
Board Member At Large	Howard Brown, KG6GI ¹

Note 1: With the conditions enumerated above

11. It was indicated that Dennis Hughes, KE6RYZ might be willing to accept appointment to the Technical Committee.
12. Next General Meeting to be December 1, 2007 at this same place (Walnut Library).
13. The meeting was adjourned at 13:30.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Howard".

By Howard Brown, KG6GI, Board Members At large
For Louis Frank KG6FCT Secretary

Appendix

TASMA General Meeting Minutes

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**These Minutes Were Approved
25 August 2007**

Saturday, April 7, 2007

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Attendees:

Members:

KG6FCT	Louis Frank
NO6B	Bob Dengler
KG6GI	Howard Brown
KG6ESC	Baltasar Cervantes
WH6UC	Benjamin Sanchez
KC6ACL	Pat Finke
KF6IBY	Javier Ibarra
WW6MM	Mike Marin
N6ISY	Dick Bruno

Guests:

	Maria Sanchez
KC6FNA	Jeannette Finke

Howard KG6GI provided a PowerPoint agenda & supporting documents for the meeting which was followed:

14. Registration.

15. Meeting called to order at 10:30AM by Bob NO6B.

16. Review of the minutes of the December, 2,2006. Motion to accept the minutes with the typographical errors corrected. Motion made by Howard KG6GI, second by Mike, WW6MM, vote 11-0-0.
17. Mike presented a membership report for 1Q07 showing current membership and compared it to last year Mike outlined our approach to gain members from the repeater owner pool with a letter of solicitation for membership. The financial spreadsheet presented by Howard, KG6GI. Mike reviewed the data and stated that we are doing better than last year, but we need to address the lack of membership. \$3222.86 is the present balance in our bank account and with our present budget we should finish the year with the same amount. Our current membership is approximately 85, and we are planning to send letters to repeater trustees encouraging them to join TASMA. Howard displayed the letter to be sent and how it will contain all the information on the repeater for the owner. Mike also mentioned the technical committee has not submitted any expense for this year and so the numbers may be biased at this moment.
18. Howard KG6GI summarized our correspondence at about 135 pieces of mail, all of which was scanned and placed in our database.
19. The National Frequency Coordination Council (NFCC) report was presented by Howard. The report is in the news letter. Two groups from New York and Connecticut were added and certified. Bob commented on how strict there By-Laws are.
20. Bob NO6B presented a general review of the actions of the technical committee as summarized in the newsletter. As a general comment the repeater owner operators have not provided the required correspondence.
21. TC process up date report by Bob He has presented a revised Technical Committee Purpose and Procedure to be voted on after the meeting.
22. Howard KG6GI reported that the TASMA database is current. A discussion took place regarding who owns the coordination? The call sign of the repeater determines who holds the coordination.
23. Open Forum
 - a. Bob NO6B presented an article in CQ VHF on FM Repeaters and the 2 meter bandplan for general review and discussion.
 - b. Bob NO6B started a discussion of digital repeaters, where they are, who is using them, and where or if they should they be placed in the bandplan. Howard reviewed the problems dealing with data transfers over D-star radios. Problems occur when using USB to RS232 adapters. P25 is commercial digital equipment and D-Star is amateur equipment for digital communications with pro and cons discussed for both. Howard KG6GI showed the D-Star location site map web page that gives an indication of their number. The SOARA web site has additional information including links and equipment listing.

- c. Do we want a separate D-Star frequency for simplex was asked by Bob. Bob and Howard reviewed some of the limitations. Note that D-Star is not compatible with P25. It is important to stay clear of the ISS frequency.
 - d. How many people are familiar with the ARRL band plan by bandwidth, if adopted it would cause problems between the incompatibility between digital and analog.
 - e. LA Marathon review by Bob. Best public exposure we need more people. WWW.LAMARATHON.COM AND WWW.LAMARATHON.HAM-RADIO-OP.NET are web sites for more information and to volunteer
 - f. Next General Meeting to be August 11, 2007 at this same place (Walnut library).
24. Motion to adjourn at 12:25. Motion by Howard KG6GI, second by Pat KC6ACL.

Respectfully submitted

Louis Frank KG6FCT Secretary