

**Two Meter Area Spectrum Management Association
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TASMA Annual Meeting Minutes

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Saturday, December 5, 2009

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Walnut, CA 91789

Attendees:

Members:

Bob Dengler, NO6B	Gene Thorpe, KB6CMO	Jose Almada, KB6KOV
Howard Brown, KG6GI	Rick Freidel, KB6OT	Burton Brink, N6USO
Suzan LaDuke, K6CDK	Brian Roode, NJ6N	Jacoby Wilson, KF6UPN
David Elder, KA6TBF	Kenneth Griffing, AF6SP	Robert Templeton, KI6CWA
Ken Chafin, W6CPA	Denis Despins, KC6TRW	Kenneth Mann, KF6HKM
Leon Brown, KC6JAR	Steve Grasha, WA6RC	Cecil Casillas, WD6FZA
Dan Corth, AD6HK	Demis Hughas, KE6RYZ	Steven Taylor, K6UFX
Scott Farthing, KI6IXQ	Bruce Lord, KI6WKB	Tina Bremer, W6TNA
Dave Bremer, W6DVE	Dick Bruno, N6ISY	Baltasar Cervantes, AF6BL
Roy Lothringer, N6SLD	Hector Figueroa, KE6URL	

Visitors:

Noah Massengale Tom King, W6WAX

1. Registration

- a. The Treasurer was present to accept Membership Dues as needed. Seven new members were registered (see receipts on file).

2. Call to order
 - a. Meeting called to order at 10:30AM by Bob Dengler, NO6B.
3. Introduction
 - a. The members present introduced themselves and guests. A sign-in sheet was passed around to record the attendees and guests.
4. Approval of previous minutes
 - a. A motion to approve the minutes of the General Membership meeting of 08/08/2009 with the addition of Brian Roode, NJ6N to the attendees by Burton Brink, N6USO, second by Rick Freidel, KB6OT. The motion passed with no objections.
5. Treasurer's report
 - a. Ken Chafin, W6CPA presented the Treasurer's report as published in the November 2009 Newsletter.
 - i. Membership is up 80% resulting in an increase in revenue.
 - ii. Expenses were decreased this year because one Quarterly Newsletter was not published.
 - iii. Net increase in revenue was approximately \$900.00
 - b. The Board has approved the purchase of a projector so we will not be dependent upon borrowing Ken Brown's equipment in the future.
 - c. 2010 Budget
 - i. Half of the Budget is used for Newsletter production and distribution
 - ii. Other expenses are not variable
 - iii. Required to meet budget: 100 members
6. Correspondence report
 - a. Suzan LaDuke, K6CDK reported that the mail log is available for review at the meeting and will be included as part of the minutes.
7. Committee reports

a. Technical Committee report

- i. Bob Dengler, NO6B reported that in 2009 19 new RFC requests were received. Of the new RFC requests received, 9 coordinations were issued.
- ii. As of August 2009, the number of pending RFC requests was 13. These have no frequencies identified. When RFC requests are received and the requestor has identified a potential frequency pair no longer actively in use then the committee moves forward to confirm the availability and potentially reassign the coordination. If no potential frequencies are identified on the RFC then it is very difficult to identify potential frequency candidates due to location and potential coverage.

b. TASMA database

- i. Howard Brown, KG6GI noted that the Board had received communication from NARCC that we were welcome to use their database structure however they have customized the system to match their organizational needs so we will not be using it. TASMA does appreciate the willingness of this group to share their work efforts with us however.

8. Old Business

a. 70 cm frequency coordination

- i. Proposed By-Law changes were published in the November TASMA Newsletter to be voted upon today. Bob Dengler's position if this passes will be to try to work with SCRRBA to get them to process data, however Bob has tried to set up meetings with them to no avail. Bob believes that there are other avenues of communication to be pursued with this group. Ken Chafin reiterated that the main problem with SCRRBA is that the Amateur Community is not getting served. This is further evidenced by their lack of response to Bob's attempts to meet with them. Dave Elder and other members present noted that they have documentation of Requests for Coordination which have been submitted but have not yet

been acknowledged for 5 to 7 years. It was generally noted that SCRRBA probably will not change. The concern within Tasma is that if we do accept plans for coordination of 70 cm frequency, we will not perform. A lot of the initial coordination activity for the first two years will be routine in nature and deal with grandfathering issues which would take precedence, but the organizational structure with Tasma must be ready to address the need.

- ii. The group verified that Tasma would only be concerned with 70 cm frequency coordination, not other bands currently handled by SCRRBA such as 6M or 10M. Tasma would not coordinate over existing 70 cm systems, coordinated or not. These systems would be the grandfathering issues to be addressed.
- iii. Bob Dengler further noted that we will have a selling job to do with the 600 members of SCRRBA. Ken Chafin indicated that if this change passes, the first recognition that this group is likely to see from SCRRBA will be at the first difference or conflict regarding coordination activities of a 70 cm frequency.
- iv. Burton Brink further noted that the recent SCRRBA meeting where slight concern was noted, was too little too late.

b. Band Plan Change for Simplex Channelization

- i. - 145.51 to 145.615 MHz
- ii. Bob Dengler asked if there was anyone present representing the Simplex groups. None were present.
- iii. At last meeting the Simplex Users had an issue with the D-Star Band Plan change which was voted on and passed. The solution was to create the channelized frequencies. Action on the D-Star vote was suspended from the last General Meeting to this Annual Meeting to allow for this solution to be discussed and finalized regarding the Simplex concerns. Effective immediately the suspension

of the D-Star vote has ended. The Simplex group may have already moved to 145.54.

9. Election of Officers and Ballot for By-Law Changes

a. Bob Dengler routinely called for additional nominations from the membership present at the meeting for Board positions. There were no additional nominations for any of the current or proposed additional Board positions. As such, any write-in votes appearing on the Absentee Ballots would have been invalid (however there were no write-in votes on the Absentee Ballots). Bob Dengler then proposed that since there was one valid candidate for each position with no additional nominations, the proposed candidates should be declared elected.

i. Burton Brink, N6USO moved to declare the candidates elected. Kenneth Griffing, AF6SP seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposing votes.

ii. The 2010 TASMA Board Members are:

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| 1. President | Bob Dengler, NO6B |
| 2. Vice-President | Ken Chafin, W6CPA |
| 3. Secretary | David Elder, KA6TBF |
| 4. Treasurer | Suzan LaDuke, K6CDK |
| 5. Member At Large | Howard Brown, KG6GI |
| 6. Membership | |
| Director | Pat Finke, KC6ACL |
| 7. Internet Services | |
| Manager | Brian Roode, NJ6N |

b. By-Law Changes

i. The ballots were distributed to those members present at the meeting and the absentee ballots were counted

ii. All four proposed changes to the By-Laws were Passed.

1. Shall the TASMA Bylaws be changed to increase the Board of Directors by two new Officers to include the

Membership Director and the Internet Services Manager as described in the "Proposed Bylaw Change Regarding Composition of Board of Directors" article of the November, 2009 *TASMA News*?

a. Yes = 61 No = 2

2. Shall the TASMA Bylaws be changed to allow coordination of the 70 centimeter band as described in the Motion to Direct Technical Committee to Coordinate the 70 cm Band article of the November, 2009 *TASMA News*?

a. Yes = 54 No = 9

3. Shall the TASMA Technical Committee be directed to begin coordination activities for the 70 centimeter band in the Southern California area as defined in the Technical Committee Purpose and Processes Outline as described in "Motion to Direct Technical Committee to Coordinate the 70 cm Band" article of the November, 2009 *TASMA News*?

a. Yes = 55 No = 9

4. Shall the band plan be changed as follows?

The un-channelized FM voice simplex sub-band at 145.510-145.615 MHz be changed to the following 15 kHz spaced FM voice simplex channels (in MHz):

145.510, 145.525, 145.540, 145.555, 145.570,
145.585, 145.600, 145.615

a. Yes = 57 No = 6

10. New Business/Open Forum

a. Question from the Membership: How are Tech Committee Members appointed:

i. Tech Committee Members are appointed by the TASMA President and ratified by the TASMA Board Members.

b. Result of By-Law changes

i. TASMA as an organization is now enabled but not ready to move on frequency coordinations for the 70 cm

frequencies. There will be two completely separate and independent Technical Committees, one for 2M frequency coordination and one for 70cm frequency coordination. The databases and respective management of them will be kept separate as well, at least for starters.

- ii. Monitoring of the 440-450 MHz band has begun in an effort towards building a database.
- iii. There is a lot of work to be done towards 70 cm coordination. Volunteers are needed in all localities to help identify occupied and vacant frequencies. All volunteers should email Bob Dengler, NO6B at no6b@no6b.com

- c. Recognition for Silent Key, Karl Pagel, N6BVU.

Karl was the original Tasma database developer. He kept the data on paper organized from the early 1980's to early 2000. Bob Dengler has this library of data and used it to begin the current spreadsheet in use today for 2M coordination. Karl also created the same documentation from 220 cm and other frequency bands coordinated by SCRRBA.

- d. Reminder: With the By-Laws changes passed today, the full name for Tasma has been changed to **Twin Band Area Spectrum Management Assn.**

11. The next General Meeting will be held on **April 3, 2010**

12. The meeting was adjourned at 12:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted

By Suzan LaDuke, K6CDK, Secretary