



TASMA NEWS

Two Meter Area Spectrum Management Association
Frequency Coordination and Spectrum Management for Southern California

Regular General Meeting – Saturday, April 23, 2011

Chairman’s Message
Ken Chafin, W6CPA

Puente Road next to City Hall in Walnut, a few miles northwest of the 60/57 intersection. From 57 north, exit at N. Grand and proceed north; turn left and proceed approximately 1/2 mile.



Fellow TASMA members:

I would like to start off by thanking the outgoing chairman Bob Dengler NO6B. Bob served as chairman for most of the last ten years and did an outstanding job. He went through several band plan changes and solved many problems. His dedication to TASMA and his technical skills will be missed.

In This Issue	
Chairman’s Message	1
Meeting Announcement & Agenda	1
IT Manager’s Report	2
Election of 2011 Board Members	2
TASMA Board Needs A Secretary	2
Update Your E-mail Address	2
The Technical Committee Needs Volunteers	2
General Meeting Minutes	3
2011 Schedule of Meetings	6
Membership Application	7
General Meeting Notice	8

We will have some challenges ahead this year. We are in great need of volunteers to run our organization at a time where our workload is about to increase.

The Board determined that the issuance of new non-grandfather coordinations would have to be postponed until the Technical Committee has been built up to at least 6 or 7 members.

We are also short one board member as no one ran for Secretary last election.

We would appreciate your help in volunteering to help our organization. We particularly need a TASMA member to act as secretary. If you could help or you know a TASMA member who might be interested in helping send them our way. I look forward to serving as your chairman and to seeing you at the next meeting on April 23.



Talk-in Frequency = 146.64 MHz, PL = 167.9 Hz

Please arrive at 10:00 AM to take care of renewing your membership and avoid disrupting the meeting. The meeting will start promptly at 10:30.

Agenda for TASMA General Meeting
April 23rd:

1. Registration

Next Meeting in Walnut on
April 23rd

TASMA’s first meeting of 2011 will take place on Saturday morning, April 23rd at Walnut Public Library at 21155 La

2. Call to Order
3. Introductions
4. Approval of Previous Minutes
5. Treasurer's Report
 - Budget and Financial Review
6. Membership Director
 - Membership Status
7. Correspondence Summary
8. Committee Reports:
 - Technical Committee Report
 - TASMA database
9. Old Business
10. New Business
 - Open Forum
 - Next Meeting Date

IT Manager's Report

Brian, NJ6N

Hello from your Internet Services Manager. The new coordinated repeater guide that I spoke of in the last newsletter is now linked as "Coordinated Repeater Guide" in the left frame of the tasma.org web site, replacing the previous version. This data is updated by the database manager, typically after technical committee meetings where coordination activity happens.

Plans for this year include the creation of a web-based user interface for the technical committee members to perform custom inquiries of coordination data. The user interface will also enable the database manager to add and update coordination information in the database.

Currently, the data is being maintained in an Excel spreadsheet that is imported into the database system. A key feature that will be added is the automatic "normalization" of longitude and latitude data into a consistent format that can be used to display coordination locations using Google Maps or other mapping software. Data validation functionality will be added to minimize data entry errors and catch existing errors in the database.

Brian

Election of 2011 Board Members

The election of Board members to lead TASMA through 2011 was conducted at the December meeting.

Elected were:

- Ken Chapin, W6CPA, for Chairman
- David Elder, KA6TBF, for Vice Chairman.
- Leon Brown, KC6JAR, for Treasurer
- Howard Brown, KG6GI, for Board Member at Large.
- Pat Finke, KC6ACL, for Membership Director,
- Brian Roode, NJ6N, for IT Director

Unfortunately no one ran for the critical position of Secretary leaving the position empty.

TASMA Board Needs A Secretary

As noted above, the results of the 2011 election has left the Board with the position of Secretary unfilled. The secretary maintains the records of the Board activity including the official minutes.

Without an active Secretary, it will be difficult to maintain the open business model that we have had available for past decades.

In addition to maintain the organization records, the Secretary participates in establishing policy, supervising the Technical Committee activity, and implementing the direction of the membership.

If you might feel qualified and desire to participate in the management of the 2 meter band, please send a note to our Chairman, Ken Chapin, W6CPA at Chairman@tasma.org.

Update Your E-Mail Address

Many of the e-mail addresses on our list are quite old and the Board is concerned that members may not be able to receive communication including the newsletter or the Reflector. The Treasurer maintains the list based on addresses provided on membership renewal forms.

If your e-mail address has changed, please send a message to Leon Brown, KC6JAR at kc6jar@ircradio.org.

The Technical Committee Needs Volunteers

The 2010 Technical Committee (TC) activity took its toll on volunteers. Currently TC membership includes the TC Chairman, Rick Fredel, KB6OT and one member, Ian Venable, KI6IES.

Bob Dengler, past Chairman of TASMA and past Secretary of the Technical Committee, while supporting the TC activity will no longer be in a position to accept direct responsibility within the TC. Brian Roode, NJ6N is going to concentrate on IT activities and Howard Brown, KG6GI will support the TC by maintaining the Repeater Database.

Based on the minimal staffing level, the Board has decided to maintain its 2011 activity regarding the 440-450 band to evaluation of grandfather requests and will postpone issuance of 440 coordinations to a point in the future.

If you believe that you are qualified to participate in Request for Coordination evaluations and would like to learn more about coordinations and interference investigations please indicate your interest to Rich Fredel, KB6OT at kb6ot@verizon.net. Generally the Technical Committee prefers members with some experience in design, installation or maintenance of repeaters. In addition, the TC could use members with experience in the new digital modes (e.g. D-Star).

Newsletter Announcement

In a continuing effort to control costs, TASMA has elected to limit the newsletter to 1 oz. so that it can be mailed with minimum first class postage. This limits the mailed newsletter to 6 two sided pages. The full newsletter is available on the TASMA web site at <http://www.tasma.org>. The missing pages from the mailed copy will be noted in the table of contents.

General Meeting Minutes

TASMA Annual Meeting Draft Minutes

Saturday, December 4, 2010

@

Walnut Library
21155 La Puente Rd.
Walnut, CA 91789

Attendees: Members:

Bob Dengler, NO6B
Gene Thorpe, KB6CMO
Jacoby Wilson, KF6UPN
Howard Brown, KG6GI
Rick Freidel, KB6OT
Burton Brink, N6USO
Leon Brown, KC6JAR
Dan Corth, AD6HK
Tina Bremer, W6TNA
David Elder, KA6TBF
Kenneth Griffing, AF6S
Robert Templeton, KI6CWA
Ken Chafin, W6CPA
Denis Despina, KC6TRW
Dick Bruno, N6ISY
Dave Bremer, W6DVE
David Summers, KD6DDM
Pat Finke, KC6ACL
Jay A. Domini, KG6GRB
Ramon M. Valencia, KJ6ELJ
Jose C. Villegas, KB6MWX
Ian G. Venable, KI6IES
Benjamin Sanchez, WH6UC
Antonio Zelaya, AF6II
Eliseo Aguirre, N6XPG

8. Registration

Ken Chafin stood in for the Treasurer to accept membership dues as needed. One new member was registered (see receipts on file).

9. Call to order

Meeting called to order at 10:36AM by Bob Dengler, NO6B.

10. Introduction

The members present introduced themselves and guests. A sign-in sheet was passed around to record the attendees and guests.

11. Approval of previous minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the General Membership meeting of 08/28/2010.

1. Kenneth Griffing, AF6SP motioned to except minutes
2. Rick Freidel, KB6OT 2nd the motion.
3. Motioned passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Ken Chafin, W6CPA presented the Treasurer's report as published in the December 2010 Newsletter.

1. Net increase in revenue was approximately \$900.00
2. Membership is up resulting in an increase in revenue.
3. Two Newsletter publications were donated resulting in a cost savings to the organization.
4. Ending balance as of November 30th is \$5,364.

Correspondence Report

Ken Chafin gave a brief correspondence report.

1. Received 4 RFC updates.
2. 2 New RFCS
3. The rest were memberships.
4. Committee reports

Technical Committee Report

1. Bob Dengler, NO6B reported showed a presentation related to the November 13 technical committee status on: final coordinations, Grandfather Coordinations and de-coordinations. It was also mentioned that there were 10 systems still waiting for coordinations. Summary of the November meeting could be found on the TASMA WEB site.
2. Bob presented the Technical Committee accomplishments as Charmin over the past 10 years: Issued 81 Test coordinations, issued 76 final coordinations, issued 6 440 Grandfather coordinations, handled 30 interference complaints, terminated 41 coordinations and rejected 39 RFCs.

TASMA database

Bob described the new repeater list on the WEB site that Brian has been working on driven directly from the database. Bob also

stated that the UHF repeater will be added at some time.

Old Business

70 cm frequency coordination

1. Ken stated that we will delay in processing until we get more technical personnel. Also received some grandfather applications but still need information.
2. Dave Summers, KD6DDM asked if he can send in applications, ken said yes, but it would be delayed.
3. Bert, USO wanted to know if TASMA will inform applicants that they have received the RFC, Ken said yes.

Election of Officers - Nominations:

1. Bob Dengler re-opened nominations for Chairman.
 - a. Current nomination from November is Ken Chafin W6CPA
 - b. No further nominations were made.
 - c. Jacoby Wilson, KF6UPN, motioned to close the nominations and Pat Finke, KC6ACL 2nd the motion.
 - d. Nomination closed.
2. Bob Dengler re-opened nominations for Vice Chairman.
 - a. Bob Dengler declined to run again.
 - b. Ken Chafin W6CPA nominated David Elder for Vice Chairman. No other nominations.
 - c. Burton Brink, N6USO motioned to close the nominations and Kenneth Griffing, AF6SP 2nd the motion.
3. Bob re-opened nominations for Secretary.
 1. David Elder KA6TBF declined position to run for Vice Charmin.
 2. No further nominations. Positions still open.
 3. Burton Brink, N6USO motioned to close the nominations and David Summers, KD6DDM 2nd the motion.
4. Bob re-opened nominations for Treasurer.
 - a. Current nomination from November is Leon Brown, KC6JAR.
 - b. No further nominations were made.
 - c. Kenneth Griffing, AF6SP, motioned to close the nominations and Rick Freidel, KB6OT 2nd the motion.
 - d. Nomination closed.
5. Bob re-opened nominations for Internet Services Manager.
 - a. Current nomination from November is Brian Roode, NJ6N.

- b. No further nominations were made.
 - c. David Summers, KD6DDM motioned to close the nominations and Burton Brink, N6USO 2nd the motion.
 - d. Nomination closed.
6. Bob re-opened nominations for Membership Director.
- a. Current nomination from November is Pat Finke, KC6ACL
 - b. No further nominations were made.
 - c. Dave Bremer, W6DVE motioned to close the nominations and Burton Brink, N6USO 2nd the motion.
 - d. Nomination closed.
7. Bob re-opened nominations for Member at Large.
- a. Current nomination from November is Howard Brown, KG6GI.
 - b. No further nominations were made.
 - c. Kenneth Griffing, AF6SP motioned to close the nominations and David Summers, KD6DDM 2nd the motion.
 - d. Nomination closed.

- h. Bob asked for a motion stating that since there is only one person running for each office, that they be accepted. Kenneth Griffing, AF6SP motioned to accepted the board as listed and Burton Brink, N6USO 2nd the motion.
 - a. 25 in favor and 0 apposed.

New Business/Open Forum

Bob Dengler presented special awards to the Technical committee for there service to TASMA.

- a. Rick Freidel, KB6OT
- b. Brian Roode, NJ6N
- c. Howard Brown, KG6GI.

The meeting was adjourned by Ken Chafin at 12:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted
By David Elder, KA6TBF Secretary

2011 Schedule of Meetings

The following schedule has been established for TASMA's 2011 activities. The Board hopes to adhere to this plan but it may have to be adjusted to allow for personnel and meeting space availability.

Year 2011	Jan	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Board Meeting	22 (Sat)		5 (Sat)				9 (Sat)				5 (Sat)	
General Meeting				23 (Sat)				6 (Sat)				3 (Sat)
Technical Committee		26 (Sat)			28 (Sat)			27 (Sat)			12 (Sat)	

TASMA
PMB 90
1439 W. Chapman
Orange, CA 92868

Address Correction Requested

Remember: 2011, the year to rebuild Association Board and Technical Committee!

NOTICE: The next General Membership Meeting is at 10:30 AM, Saturday, April 23, 2011 at the Walnut Library. Check in starts promptly at 10:00.

You can contact your board members at the following:

Chairman:	Ken Chafin, W6CPA	818/957-1699	kchafin1@pacbell.net
Vice Chairman:	David Elder, KA6TBF	949/348-2724	dselder@gmail.com
Secretary:	This Office Is Currently Vacant		
Treasurer:	Leon Brown, KC6JAR	818/720-8331	kc6jar@sbcglobal.net
Member at Large:	Howard Brown, KG6GI	949/581-2634	kg6gi@soara.org
Membership Director:	Pat Finke, KC6ACL	562/858-2402	kc6acl@hotmail.com
IT Manager:	Brian Roode, NJ6N	949/257-2749	it-dir@tasma.org

Technical Committee Members:

KB6OT	Rick Fredel - Chairman	310/379-0301	kb6ot@verizon.net
KI6IES	Ian Venable	951/545-6583	ki6ies@gmail.com

Database Manager

KG6GI	Howard Brown (Repeater)	949/581-2634	kg6gi@soara.org
KC6ACL	Pat Finke (Membership)	562/858-2402	kc6acl@hotmail.com

Visit the TASMA Web Page at: www.tasma.org

This newsletter is intended to keep all TASMA members informed. Anyone wishing to submit articles for the TASMA newsletter may do so by the 1st of the month preceding the month of a General Membership meeting. Please send your article by E-mail the Secretary at the [e-mail address found on the TASMA Web Page](mailto:secretary@tasma.org). The document should be in Microsoft Word format.