



TASMA NEWS

Two Meter Area Spectrum Management Association

Frequency Coordination and Spectrum Management for Southern California

Regular General Meeting – Saturday, December 6, 2008

Chairman’s Message Bob Dengler, NO6B



Fellow TASMA members:

Over the past few general meetings I have given reports in response to a resolution passed by the general membership at our August 2007 general meeting to investigate the possibility of TASMA performing frequency coordination in the 440-450 MHz band. On October 18th I attended SCRRBA's general meeting, which was

the first one held since 2005. I believe I now have a good idea of where SCRRBA stands with respect to future 440 MHz coordination & bandplanning, & will share my ideas with you at our upcoming general meeting. There was also considerable discussion regarding the disposition of digital voice systems (D-Star in particular). However, little was decided. As a result, a separate working group has formed via an e-mail reflector at http://orgs.cc/mailman/listinfo/440dwg_orgs.cc. Please join if you have an interest.

Our Technical Committee has been quite busy over the past few months handling interference issues, and has been very successful in almost every case. One situation has come up that has no solution other than to make a minor change to the bandplan, which will require your approval in order to implement. There is a 2 meter repeater & a D-Star auxiliary system on Keller Peak that, due to the current bandplan, have their inputs & outputs very close in frequency to each other. When the 4 D-Star auxiliary pairs were chosen, it was thought that the offset direction (plus or minus) would be inconsequential. However, in this one particular case, reversing the direction of the D-Star pair would solve the mutual interference problem. Every other solution the Technical Committee considered would have been unworkable due to the difficulty in finding vacant frequency pairs for such a high level site as Keller Peak. So we are

asking for your vote in approving a change to the D-Star system pair 144.995 in/145.595 out, or 145.595 (-), to 145.595 in/144.995 out (144.995 (+)). There are currently no other coordinees on this pair, nor are there any anticipated adjacent channel issues as a result of the pair inversion.

So you see we have a lot to discuss at our December 6th meeting: the future of 440-450 MHz coordination, D-Star repeaters on 440 and a small change to our 2 meter bandplan. And let's not forget the elections, as there are 2 contested positions on our board this year. Come down & vote for your favorite Treasurer & Board Member-at-Large. See you there!

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Next Meeting in Walnut on December 6th

TASMA's final meeting of 2008 will take place on Saturday morning, December 6th at Walnut Public Library at 21155 La 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 ½ mile.



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 December 6th:

1. Registration
2. Call to Order
3. Introductions
4. Approval of Previous Minutes
5. Treasurer's Report
 - Membership Status
 - Budget and Financial Review
6. Correspondence Summary
7. Committee Reports:
 - NFCC Report
 - Technical Committee Report
 - TASMA database
 - Old Business

8. New Business

- Discussion of recommended band plan changes
- Election of 2009 Board
- Discussion Of Dues Payment Date Proposal
- Discussion of assuming responsibility for coordinating the 440-450 band
- Open Forum

9. Next Meeting Date

TASMA Treasurer Resigns

Regretfully, Steve Grasha, WA6ARC, our 2008 Treasurer has recently advised the Board that "because of an increase in workload with my company, I will no longer be able to continue as a board member of TASMA."

The Board appreciates Steve's support this year, wishes him well, and hopes he will be able to support TASMA in other ways.

Election of 2009 Board Members

The election of Board members to lead TASMA through 2009 is scheduled for the December meeting.

The Bylaws provides that:

"Nominations of officers will be held at the regular meeting immediately prior to the Annual Meeting. A slate of persons running for office shall be printed in the mailing preceding the Annual Meeting"

Nominated at the August General meetings were:

- Bob Dengler, NO6B for Chairman
- Pat Finke, KC6ACL for Vice Chairman,
- Phillip Pacier, AD6NH for Secretary,
- Ken Chafin, W6CPA for Treasurer and
- Howard Brown, KG6GI and Steve Early, AD6VI for Board Member at Large.

In accordance with the Bylaws, additional candidates can be nominated from the floor at the December meeting and are encouraged to do so.

In the event that you are unable to attend the December meeting, an absentee ballot is included with this newsletter. For your ballot to be considered, please carefully observe the instructions noted at the bottom of the ballot.

In particular, please be sure that your ballot is accompanied by a copy of your amateur radio license that includes your signature; otherwise it will not be counted.

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. Steve Early maintains the list based on addresses provided on membership renewal forms.

If your address has changed, please send a message to Steve Early, AD6VI at ad6vi@cox.net.

Newsletter Announcement

Howard Brown, Editor

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 August 9th General Meeting Minutes

Location:

Walnut Library
21155 La Puente Rd.
Walnut, CA 91789

These Minutes Are Not Approved

Attendees:

Members:

NO6B	Bob Dengler
KG6GI	Howard Brown
KC6ACL	Pat Finke
W6CPA	Ken Chafin
KC6JAR	Leon Brown
AD6NH	Phillip Pacier
W1NMZ	Dick Ertman
KD6AFA	Jose A. Batrez
KF6ZAF	Craig Holmes
K6CF	Chris Kielich

Guests:

None

1. Registration.
2. Meeting called to order at 10:30AM by Bob NO6B who declared that a quorum was present.
3. The members present introduced themselves

4. The minutes of the April 5, 2008 General Meeting was reviewed. On a motion by Dick, W1NMZ the corrected minutes were approved on a vote of 9-0-0.
5. Howard KG6GI summarized our correspondence at about 75 pieces of mail compared to about 275 at the same time last year and 80 the previous year. Last year we conducted a membership drive which added about 200 items of correspondence.
6. The National Frequency Coordination Council (NFCC) report was presented by Howard. There was little e-mail correspondence since Dayton. At Dayton the majority of the discussion concerned the approach that the coordination groups were taking to identify frequencies for the newer digital radio systems (e.g. D-STAR). Also discussed was the FCC presentation at Dayton and the fact that the FCC had been formally asked by one of the packet groups to define the meaning of "Repeater" as defined by the regulations.
7. A short discussion took place regarding the other SoCal coordination organizations (i.e. 220SMA and SCRRBA). Bob NO6B indicated that he had heard that SCRBBA intended to conduct a meeting this year in October (the last such meeting took place in 2005). Bob also indicated that there was some reason to believe that SCRBBA might be able to approve 440-450 MHz RFCs in the near future.
8. Bob Dengler presented a chart describing a general membership 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 forgot to bring a repeater guide.
9. A discussion of Board nominees for 2009 was held.

Bob Dengler expressed a willingness to serve for 2009. Ken, W6CPA nominated Bob Dengler for Chairman.

Pat Finke expressed a willingness to serve for 2009. Dick, W1NMZ nominated Pat Finke for the Vice Chairman role.

The Board has been advised that Steve Early has schedule conflicts with his obligations as

the ARRL San Diego Section Manager, Phil, AD6NH indicated a willingness to serve and was nominated for the position of Secretary.

Ken, W6CPA indicated a willingness to serve as Treasurer with the understanding that he would be unavailable for meetings until after April, Ken was nominated for the position of Treasurer as was Steve Grasha, the current incumbent.

Bob, NO6B made a case that Steve Early might be able to find the time to serve as Board Member @ Large as there were no fixed duties. He was nominated to the Board position as was Howard, KG6GI, the current incumbent.

Thus the nominated list is:

Office	Nominated	Nominated By
Chairman	Bob Dengler, NO6B	Ken, W6CPA
Vice-Chairman	Pat Finke, KC6ACL	Dick, W1NMZ
Secretary	Phillip Pacier, AD6NH	Ken, W6CPA
Treasurer	Steven Grasha, WA6ARC	Ken, W6CPA
“	Ken Chafin, W6CPA	Leon, KC6JAR
Board Member @ Large	Howard Brown, KG6GI	Phillip, AD6NH
“	Steve Early, AD6VI	Ken, W6CPA

10. Phil, AD6NH expressed a willingness to assume the role of newsletter editor and mail manager.
11. Scheduling of Annual Dues – Treasurer Steve Grasha has recommended that annual dues become due on a specific calendar day. This would mark the beginning of a TASMA fiscal year. The basis for this recommendation was to assist the membership in remembering when their dues are due and to concentrate the renewal process for the Treasurer to a single point each year. Based upon Steve’s recommendation, the Board reviewed the Bylaws and arrived at the conclusion that the Bylaws would have to be changed to implement the recommendation.

After review of the Bylaws, the Board approved a recommendation to the general

membership to make changes to **ARTICLE VI – DUES** of the bylaws as shown below:

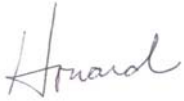
- a. “The dues for membership in the Association shall be recommended by the Officers of the Association, which shall be due and payable upon application for membership and shall be due *at the beginning of each fiscal year* thereafter. In the absence of action on the part of the Officers, the dues are established at Ten Dollars (\$10) per year. The Officers may recommend a change to the dues at any time by formal vote and the change shall be voted on at the General meeting. If approved, it shall become immediately effective. (Amended 4/9/2005)
- b. Failure to remit dues within ninety (90) days after ~~expiration~~ *the end of membership each fiscal year*, shall result in the member being dropped from ~~the~~ membership. Any person so dropped from membership may seek reinstatement to membership only upon resubmitting of an application for membership and the membership dues to the Secretary of the Association. (Amended 10/27/00)
- c. *TASMA shall adopt a fiscal year beginning on 1 January of each year and extending through 31 December.”*

Note: The changes are denoted by strikethrough’s and italicized font.

Phil, AD6NH proposed, and Dick, W1NMZ seconded a motion to include this issue in the agenda for the next General meeting.

12. Bob, NO6B provided a presentation of his recent trip to the Williams, AZ Hamfest.
13. Jose, KD6AFA advised the group that the Mexican hams, represented by the FMRE, are planning a ham convention in Tijuana during mid October. Juan Tellez has additional information about this meeting. Jose proposed that TASMA be represented at the convention. Travel to Mexico, including permission to carry radios was discussed. Jose will provide additional information to the Board which will be shared with the membership.
14. Next General Meeting to be December 6, 2007 at this same place (Walnut Library).
15. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15.

Respectfully submitted



By Howard Brown, KG6GI, Board Member At large for Steve Early, AD6VI, Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes

TASMA Nov 1st Board Meeting Minutes

Location:

Mission Viejo Community Center
24932 Veterans Way
Mission Viejo, CA 92692

These Minutes Are NOT Approved

Attendees:

Bob Dengler NO6B
Patricia Finke KC6ACL
Steve Early AD6VI
Mike Marin WW6MM
Howard Brown KG6GI

1. Called to Order by Bob NO6B at 9:15 A.M.
2. Bob Dengler, NO6B, stated a need to investigate the acquisition of coordination authority for at least a portion of the 70 centimeter band, to alleviate issues that are continuing in the community. Issues to be investigated include, but are not limited to:
 - Corporate Name Change
 - Updating of By-laws
 - Updating of Incorporation Records
 - Proper path to Coordination Authority.

3. Treasurer:

Steve Grasha, WA6ARC, has tendered his resignation as TASMA Treasurer (2008) and presumably has withdrawn his nomination as a candidate for TASMA 2009 Treasurer.

Discussion ensued about actions to be taken.

- a) Membership List to be updated.
- b) Mike Marin (past Treasurer) will produce mailing labels for TASMA Newsletter and send the labels to Pat Finke.
- c) Ken Chafin, W6CPA, not available to accomplish Treasurer tasks until April 2009, due to his employment schedule.

Needs for TASMA News Letter:

- a) Body of text to be mailed.
- b) Mailing Labels

- d) Steve Early (Secretary) tasked with contacting Steve Grasha for clarification of resignation e-mail and compliance with TASMA By-Laws.

Issues:

 - i) Is Steve Grasha resigning as Treasurer of TASMA? Bylaws specify the resigning officer is to notify the Secretary.
 - ii) Is Steve Grasha with-drawing from election for 2009 TASMA Treasurer? (E-mail did not specify)

- 4) November 2008 TASMA Newsletter corrections/updates were discussed as follows.
 - a) E-mail address for 440Digital discussion group was corrected.
 - b) These Board Minutes to be sent to Howard Brown for incorporation into Newsletter.
 - c) No Financial Report available.
 - d) No Membership report available.
 - 5) Steve Early, AD6VI, appointed Membership Chair for 2009. Howard Brown Moved, Pat Finke Seconded, Steve Early abstained (due to protocol).
 - 6) Discussion about Signature Cards for TASMA bank accounts.
 - a) May need minutes/Board Resolution to change accounts.
 - 7) November Newsletter completed, less minutes from November Board Meeting.
 - 8) General Discussion:
 - a) Repeater Database: ARRL Licensing Agreement to allow ARRL to publish TASMA Data. Updated entries preparatory to sending database to ARRL in mid-December. Data base to be held until next Technical Committee Meeting to allow for any changes.
 - b) Reflectors: 2008 Treasurer was moderator for tasma@tasma.org Z(Howard Brown is the owner). Bob Dengler shall serve as the new moderator.
 - 9) Board Resolution:

A Board Resolution was made to "Move TASMA Assets to a financial institution conveniently located to the relevant Board Members".

It was stated that Bank of America is preferred.
 - 10) Motion to adjourn approved at 11:41
- Respectfully submitted by Steve Early, AD6VI - TASMA Secretary

11M08 Financial Report
Steve Grasha, WA6ARC

Just prior to his resignation Steve advised the Board that the organization has a cash balance of \$3912.50

Checking Account	\$3,912.50
Total Bank and Cash Accounts	\$3,912.50
 Total Assets	 \$3,912.50
 Net Worth	 \$3,912.50

Balance Sheet - November 1, 2008

Assets	Total
Bank and Cash Accounts	

3Q08 Membership Report
Howard Brown, KG6GI

Analyzing the membership database, Mike Marin reports that TASMA currently has 131 members consisting of 67 regular members and 64 expired members.

Unfortunately, TASMA was unable to mail a newsletter in July so many of the expired members could not be notified of their membership status. Therefore, the grace period for these expired members has been extended.

In order to further distribute the Board's workload, it has accepted an offer from Steve Early, AD6VI to serve in the role of Membership Chairman and help us maintain the membership database and prepare newsletter mailing lists. The Board is most appreciative of Steve's volunteering for this most important position.

2008 & 2009 Schedule of Meetings

Year 2008	Jan	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Board Meeting	26 (Sat)		8 (Sat) (cancelled)				12 (Sat)				1 (Sat)	
General Meeting				5 (Sat)				9 (Sat)				6 (Sat)
Technical Committee		26 (Sat)			31 (Sat)			23 (Sat)			8 (Sat)	

The following schedule has been established for TASMA's 2009 activities. The current Board hopes to adhere to this plan but it may have to be adjusted to allow for personnel and meeting space availability.

Year 2009	Jan	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Board Meeting	24 (Sat)		7 (Sat)				11 (Sat)				7 (Sat)	
General Meeting				4 (Sat)				8 (Sat)				5 (Sat)
Technical Committee		24 (Sat)			30 (Sat)			22 (Sat)			14 (Sat)	

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Orange, CA 92868

Address Correction Requested

Remember: 2008, the year to rebuild Association membership!

NOTICE: The next General Membership Meeting is at 10:30 AM, Saturday, December 6, 2008 at the Walnut Library. Check in starts promptly at 10:00.

You can contact your board members at the following:

Chairman:	Bob Dengler, NO6B	909/396-0991	no6b@no6b.com
Vice Chairman:	Pat Finke, KC6ACL	562/858-2402	kc6acl@hotmail.com
Secretary:	Steve Early, AD6VI	619/461-2818	ad6vi@cox.net
Treasurer:	(Vacant)		
Member at Large:	Howard Brown, KG6GI	949/581-2634	kg6gi@soara.org

Technical Committee Members:

W6KGB	Matt Lechliter, Chairman	805/485-1398	w6kgb@roadrunner.com
KG6FCT	Louis Frank	949/206-1986	kg6fct@soara.org
KG6GI	Howard Brown	949/581-2634	kg6gi@soara.org
NO6B	Bob Dengler – ex-officio member & Secretary	909/396-0991	no6b@no6b.com
AC6NZ	Dan Lechliter	805/485-1398	

		Database Manager	
KG6GI	Howard Brown	949/581-2634	kg6gi@soara.org

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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:ad6vi@cox.net). The document should be in Microsoft Word format.