



# TASMA NEWS

*Frequency Coordination and Spectrum Management for Southern California*

Annual Meeting – Saturday, April 3, 2010

**Chairman’s Message**  
**Bob Dengler, NO6B**

**Proposal to amend 70 cm band  
“Grandfather”  
coordination procedure**



Fellow TASMA members:

At the December 2009 annual meeting, the membership voted to make this organization a frequency coordinator for the 440-450 MHz band in Southern California. One of the motions enabling this action that was passed was a motion to “direct the Technical Committee to coordinate the 70 cm band”, which was

published in our last newsletter. One of the provisions in this motion is an automatic or “grandfather” coordination procedure, whereby a 440 MHz repeater coordination applicant can automatically receive coordination without review by the Technical Committee provided one of the following 3 conditions are met:

- The applicant show proof of current existing SCRRBA coordination via written or electronic means
- The applicant shows an application for coordination to SCRRBA prior to 2009 that has not been acted on by SCRRBA for a frequency that will not cause interference to any coordinated repeater
- The applicant can demonstrate the use of a pair over a long period of time that is not causing interference to other stations.

The above grandfather coordination provision expires on December 31, 2011.

While planning for the commencement of 440-450 MHz repeater coordination activities, I reviewed in more detail the above motion & realized that the expiration date on the grandfather coordination provision implicitly suggests that

TASMA will eventually coordinate 440 repeaters with no recognition of existing or prior SCRRBA coordinations. As I’ve stated previously at our meetings, I am committed to cooperating with SCRRBA 440 MHz coordinators to the greatest extent possible, and I fully expect us to recognize SCRRBA coordinations regardless of when an application is submitted. I am therefore proposing that the “Motion to direct Technical Committee to coordinate the 70 centimeter band” that was passed at our last meeting be amended to remove the expiration date on the grandfather coordination provision, and will ask for a motion at our April 2010 general meeting proposing this deletion. I hope that this small change to our coordination policy will make it clear that TASMA is not “taking over 440 coordination” as I’ve heard in many circles. Rather, we are simply providing a service to the local 70 cm band community that our membership has determined is needed.

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**Membership Director**  
**Pat Finke, KC6ACL**

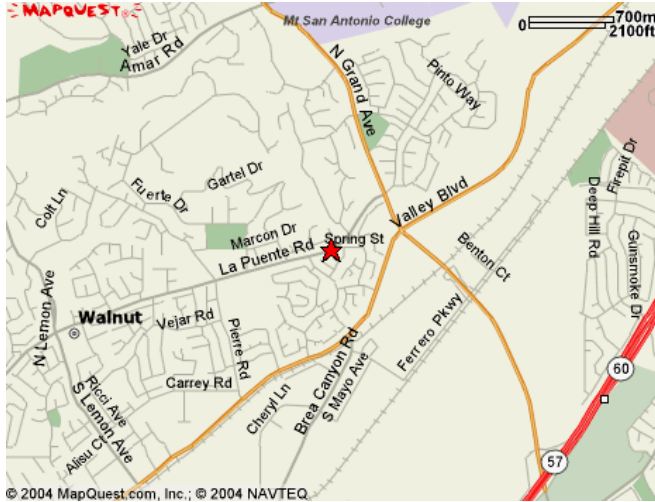
Hello everyone, just a reminder from the Membership Director that membership renewals are now due in the month of January of each year. If you have not already renewed, please do so as soon as possible. Just fill out the attached **APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP / RENEWAL** form and send it back to:

**TASMA**  
**of**  
**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**  
**1439 W. Chapman St. #90, Orange, CA 92868**

Your continuing support to TASMA and the amateur radio community is greatly appreciated.

**Next Meeting in Walnut on  
April 3rd**

TASMA's general meeting of 2010 will take place on Saturday morning, April 3rd 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 1/2 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:

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:
  - Technical Committee Report
  - TASMA database
8. Old Business
9. New Business :
10. Discussion of revision to 70 cm "grandfather" coordination procedure
  - Open Forum
11. Next General Meeting Date is : **August 7, 2010**

**Annual Meeting Minutes**

**Saturday, December, 2009**

Location:

Walnut Library  
21155 La Puente Rd.  
Walnut, CA 91789

These Minutes Are Not Approved

Attendees:

- |                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 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 Despina, 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. Six 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 objection

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 Howard 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. "Not included herein"
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 software 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:
  - 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](mailto: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

**Board Meeting Minutes**

TASMA

**1439 W. Chapman, PMB 90  
Orange, CA 92868**

**TASMA Board Meeting Minutes**

**These Minutes Are Not Approved**

**Saturday, January 23, 2010**

@

Murray Community Center  
24932 Veterans Way  
Mission Viejo, CA 92692

## Attendees:

## Board Members (Current and Retiring):

NO6B	Bob Dengler	President
W6CPA	Ken Chafin	Vice Chairman
KA6TBF	David Elder	Secretary
KG6GI	Howard Brown	Member-at-Large
NJ6N	Brian Roode	Internet Services Manager

## Guests:

Noah Massengale

1. Meeting called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Bob Dengler, NO6B.

- a. Bob explained that this meeting is not associated with a general meeting so there is no newsletter. He also stated that this meeting is designed to transfer information/documentation to new board members. It was mentioned that Suzan K6CDK was not present as past secretary, now treasurer.
- b. Howard explained that this meeting is also intended to plan/schedule for the year and make any adjustments as needed.

2. Discussion on two meter band plan:

- a. Martin Woll N6VI, Vice-Director for the ARRL Southwestern Division, contacted Bob to discuss the two meter band plan change. It seems that two groups one in the Valley on 147.540 and one in San Pedro on 145.520, had issues with the band plan change. Martin's concerns were that there was a lack of contact with the ham community on this change. Martin asked that we notify him and the ARRL Section Managers when making changes in the band plan. Bob suggested that we add Martin (N6VI) to the newsletter distribution to keep the ARRL informed of such matters. Ken Chafin suggested we add David Greenhut (N6HD), Robert Griffin, (K6YR) and Carl Cardenas.
- b. Howard asked if the band plan was updated on the Web site, Bob confirmed that it was.

3. Organization Name Change:

- a. Ken stated that when we changed the organization name that it was necessary to submit a change to the State to change the corporate name. Ken said he had drafted an amendment and asked Bob and Dave to sign so he could submit it to the State with a check for \$30.00. Bob and Dave agreed.
- b. Ken also mentioned that he had already filed a statement of information document with the state of the change of officers.
- c. Ken motioned to file for a 501-C7 status for the organization and allocate the \$200.00 filing fee when the online process becomes available. Brian Roode seconded the motion.
  1. 4 in favor      0 against, motion passed.

4. Discussion to add 70 cm Coordination information to the TASMA web site:

- a. 440 Coordination FAQ

b. 70cm Grandfather Coordination Information discussion:

- i. Bob stated that he had concerns about the section that sets a two year time limit for issuing grandfather coordination's. This would make it harder to work with SCRRBA in doing the coordination's.
- ii. Howard and Ken mentioned that the organization voted on this already and this has been approved.
- iii. Bob suggested that TASMA and SCRRBA work in parallel to coordinate 70 cm because it would be difficult to force all 70 cm repeater owners to recognize TASMA as the sole coordinator and that the community really wanted an alternative to SCRRBA due to there past history of not responding to RFCs.
- iv. Ken Chafin motioned to place the 70 cm Coordination information and the 70 cm Grandfather Coordination on the website with a note that TASMA would not implement the Grandfather Coordination until after May 1<sup>st</sup>. Howard Brown seconded the motion.
  1. 4 in favor      0 against, motion passed
- v. It is noted that it is the chairman's (Bob Dengler) opinion that the concept of Grandfathering 440 coordination's is not consistent with basic principles of frequency coordination because it does not create a fair situation. The chairman intends to present to the membership a proposal to amend the language of the motion that was passed to remove the Grandfather Coordination process. For those individuals who wish to apply for coordination on 440, they may do so as soon as the infrastructure is in place.
- vi. Ken Chafin noted that for this motion to be considered, it be published in the newsletter.

5. Permissions issue on Website:

- a. Brian will invoke a script to insure that appropriate users have permission to put files on the web server. This will allow overwriting of files as necessary that someone else has put on the site.
- b. Motion was made by Ken Chafin to have Brian Roode to go forward with the script. Howard Brown seconded the motion.
  - i. 4 in favor      0 against, motion passed.

6. Schedule:

- a. Howard asked if the present schedule was ok, all board members agreed it was ok.

7. Repeater directory:

Howard made the submittal in December. Steve Ford is coding the D-Star in a different book segment. We did not change it in our database.

8. Newsletter:

Howard reminded us that we needed to produce a newsletter. David Elder will produce it again.

9. Next general meeting location:

Location will be at Walnut Library on April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010.

10. Board meeting:

The next board meeting will be held in Mission Viejo on March 6<sup>th</sup> 2010.

11. Technical meeting location discussion:  
 Bob will discuss at the next technical meeting in February to investigate a new location for the meeting. The May technical meeting will either be held in Burbank or Mission Viejo with Skype connection.
12. Howard Brown brought up the need for database automation and made the following suggestions:
  - a. Data Base management tools.
  - b. Online tools needed to be able to file RFC's/interference issues on line.
  - c. Administrative tools (member data base/dues/meeting rosters).
  - d. Online applications/Bill paying.
  - e. It was suggested that the present frequency data base migrate to a MySQL Database (will import current Excl database).
13. David Elder suggested that Susan should continue to handle the mail and scanning of the RFC's. Everyone agreed as treasurer, it would be appropriate.
14. Ken Chafin mentioned that he will not be able to make the next 2 meetings, Ken will retain the treasures documentation since Susan was not present at the meeting and will pass them to her when she is available.
15. Ken Chafin stated that Suzan will have to make the mailing labels for the next newsletter. Also he reminded everyone that the renewals are coming up and that emails will be sent out and we should announce it in the newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

By David Elder, KA6TBF, Secretary

**Treasurer's Report**  
**Suzan LaDuke**

TASMA  
 Treasurers Report  
 December 1, 2009 through March 15, 2010

**Revenue:**

Membership Dues	830
Total Revenue	830

**Expenses:**

Secretary of State	30
Total Expenses	30

Excess of Revenues over Expenses 800

Bank Balance as of 03/15/10 5,266  
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I am pleased to report that TASMA's finances continue to be in good shape.

As of March 15, 2010, our membership stands at 155 members.

**Internet Services Manager**

Hello from your new Internet Services Manager. The first task that I am working on is the creation of a relational database system to manage the organizations information starting with coordinated repeater information. The relational database will be the heart of future application developments. Future applications include an interactive online open repeater directory, online submission of RFCs, membership application and renewal automation. I look forward to providing new web-based tools and services to help the organization carry out its goals in a more efficient manner.

73, Brian, NJ6N

**2010 Schedule of Meetings**

The following schedule has been established for TASMA's 2010 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 2010	Jan	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
<b>Board Meeting</b>	23 (Sat)		6 (Sat)				10 (Sat)				6 (Sat)	
<b>General Meeting</b>				3 (Sat)				7 (Sat)				4 (Sat)
<b>Technical Committee</b>		27 (Sat)			29 (Sat)			28 (Sat)			13 (Sat)	



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Address Correction Requested

**Remember: 2010, the year to commence the 70 cm plan !**

**NOTICE:** The next General Membership Meeting is at 10:30 AM, **Saturday, April 3, 2009** at the Walnut Library. Check in starts promptly at 10:00.

*You can contact your board members at the following:*

<b>Chairman:</b>	Bob Dengler, NO6B	909/396-0991	no6b@no6b.com
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<b>Treasurer:</b>	Suzan LaDuke, K6CDK	951/779-0580	k6cdk@aol.com
<b>Member at Large:</b>	Howard Brown, KG6G	949/581-2634	kg6gi@soara.org
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KG6G1	Howard Brown	949/581-2634	kg6gi@soara.org
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AC6NZ	Dan Lechlitter	805/485-1398	

**Database Manager**

KG6G1	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:kg6gi@soara.org). The document should be in Microsoft Word format.