

Special Meeting of NRHARC, called by President Dave Routzen, 9:30 am to 10:30 am CDT
June 29, 2008, NRH FD Administration Building, at the end of Field Day operations.
16 club members present.

Discussion: Norm Turnage will investigate possibility of city of NRH providing storage space for club assets.

Everyone had a great time at Field Day operations despite the storms and rain. Food was great, no one was injured, and we all had lots of fun operating and meeting with fellow hams and plenty of visitors. Many thanks to Kathy Meadows and Dwan Needham for preparing the food and to all who brought the many good things to eat, and for the Chick Filet donation for lunch.

We have offered to us a 440 MHz repeater from a local Hurst resident willing to provide it to an amateur radio club, including the frequency pair, for a nominal sum of money. Preliminary discussions with Sean Hughes indicate that he would support acquiring the repeater and provide installation and maintenance for it.

Monte Meadows has offered the 2 repeaters he is involved with, on 220 and 440 MHz, to the club. Several issues were discussed, as both a repeater owner and a repeater acquirer:

- Frequency coordination with the Texas VHF/FM Society
- Maintenance and emergency contact responsibilities
- Monitoring and control operators
- Storage space for spare equipment
- Regulatory compliance requirements
- Security access

The acquisition of repeaters is a major endeavor and there are many facets to each of these issues. Since the club is supported by the city of NRH, we need to support the emergency operations of the NRH emergency management and coordinators. We plan to stress this in the meetings and club activities this fall.

Dave appointed a committee to study the acquisition of the repeaters and make a recommendation on or before July 7, 2008. Members are:

- Monte Meadows N5TWL (chairman)
- Mike Needham WB7SKK
- Steve Arntz KM5HT
- Roger Courtney N5RCS
- Ron Boyk N5QV
- John Dossey K5GD

A motion was made and seconded to pursue the acquisition of the 2 repeaters from Monte and decline the offer of the repeater from the Hurst radio amateur. The vote FOR was unanimous and the motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am CDT.

Minutes recorded by NRHARC Secretary John Wayne Dossey K5GD 29 June 2008