

D7 Radio Committee Meeting Oxford Fire Department January 8, 2015

*Meeting called to order at 1600 hrs by Chairman Hamilton
6 members present (Hamilton, Wilson, Meskus, Maynard, DiFronzo, Liard/Larson)
1 guests present (Sutton Chief Belsito)*

Secretary report: Motion Meskus seconded Maynard; to accept, unanimous

Treasury update: currently \$15,181.69 in Radio Committee account (after Sturbridge pays dues & class cost deducted)

Radio Status:

Southbridge Fire and link – OK
Mendon Tower – OK
Northbridge Fire and link – OK
Oxford Tower – OK
Orange Channel – OK
Checkerboard tests – Results reviewed, looking good

Old Business

- Communications Team training going well. Presently 2 more classes scheduled. Some members have dropped out since it started, 13 attended the last class.
- Antenna for orange channel on Charlton Tower is in, waiting for some warm weather to install.

New Business

- Communications Team activation procedure discussed at length. Chief Difronzo suggested it be handled similar to hazmat team activation. Discussion on the number of personnel to respond, who would respond, how the trucks would get there, making a list of capabilities of the team, what would trigger an activation and the differences between communications trucks. Chairman Hamilton will put together a draft proposal for the Radio Committee to review. When the final version is approved by the committee it will be presented to the District 7 Chiefs for their input.
- D7 Treasurer Chief Kessler informed the Chairman he opened a separate account for the Radio Committee.
- Discussion on Fireground red and blue guidelines. To be discussed further.
- Tree work in Mendon was discussed. Roy Liard, D7 Warden, gave an update on what he knew about the project. The Town of Mendon is OK with it and their Tree Warden wants to be involved. We believe MSP will cover it and there will be no cost to the District. During the past problems with the orange channel, a faulty voter card was discovered. A spare was used and it was questioned if the card was repaired as the Radio Committee should pay for the repair (status unknown at this time).
- Warden Liard gave an update on the Oxford Tower power issue, ongoing but looks like it will be solved. DCR is grandfathered into the agreement and MSP will probably have it done. Oxford Tower also has a few tree issues that DCR is taking care of.
- Warden Liard gave a progress report on the W.Brookfield power. The new poles are in and they are in the process of moving the lines.

Motion to adjourn: Meskus Seconded: Difronzo

Adjourned: 17:00 hrs

Next Radio Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday February 12th, 2015, 4:00 pm Oxford Fire Headquarters.

Rich Hamilton, Chairman (Paul Shea was sick)