

Wisconsin Association of Repeaters
Minutes of the September 9, 2000 meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Gary Bargholz, at 1:08 p.m. It was held at the Chalet Motel in Mequon, WI.

Introduction of members and guests:

KF9CS Mark Heimmermann

N9UUR Gary Bargholz

WA9JOB Nels Harvey

K9DQ David Whitham

WA9JMO Larry McCalvy

K9IZV Warren Schall

N9GHE Rodney Pajula

WB9TYT Dan Bolander

N9QA Dave Knaus

W9MQD Maurice Heppe

W9ATK Jack McLeland

K9OQO Jim Sheetz

KB9UIZ Luke Basic

KA9FUR Dave Karr

N9OSK Shawn Mielke

K9LCQ Brian White

K9QLP Jim Albrinck

Secretary's Report:

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. Dave Knaus, N9QA, made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as printed in the newsletter. The motion was seconded by Dan Bolander, WB9TYT, and approved by the members present.

Treasurer's Report:

Jim Sheetz, K9OQO, handed out a statement for the last 4 quarters. The balance for September 9, 2000 is 2186.62. There were no outstanding expenses at the time of the report. Mark Heimmermann, KF9CS, made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded by Rodney Pajula, N9GHE, and approved by the members present.

Jim provided a detailed Treasurers report for the previous year. Gary, chairman, appointed Nels Harvey, WA9JOB, to conduct an independent audit of the report and e-mail his findings to the board.

Newsletter Report:

Ray wants to retire as the newsletter editor. He has been doing it for a number of years. The Board is actively looking for an editor for the newsletter. The newsletter is published 4 times a year. The editor's responsibilities include producing camera ready copy. This along with the labels from the WAR secretary are submitted to the printer. The printer handles all the copying, correlating, folding, labeling, stamping and mailing of the newsletter. Ray will help the new editor during the transition. If you are interested in editing the WAR newsletter please contact a board member.

Coordinator's Report:

Of the 300 coordinated repeaters about 100 have renewed this year. Those not current will not be listed in the 2000-2001 ARRL repeater directory. In an effort to correct the situation Dave sent about 100 letters to people who have not updated in the last two years. The letter contained a pre-completed form. If there were no changes the trustee could just sign and return the renewal. Dave's next step is to start de-coordination of repeaters that still have not responded. Please check the WAR web page to verify that your coordination status is up-to-date.

There was a discussion of ways to increase renewals with no clear winner. If you have a good idea to reduce Dave's effort contact him or one of the board.

Nels thanked Dave for the fine job he has done as frequency coordinator. Everyone applauded Dave for his efforts.

WAR Policy Document:

Dave published WAR's Policy Document on the web. It contains only minor grammatical changes to the original version. Nels, WA9JOB, made a motion to accept documents as published on the web. The motion was seconded by Jim Sheetz, K9OQO and approved by all present.

WAR Band Plan:

Dave presented a WAR Band Plan. The plan is specific to operations in the state of Wisconsin. It is a formal listing of where things should be and not be. The Band Plan is available on the WAR web page. The plan contains a Grandfather clause for any coordinated frequencies outside of the published Band Plan. They are still protected as long as coordination is maintained.

Nels, WA9JOB, made a motion to accept Dave's proposal as the WAR Band Plan and to make it part of the WAR's Policy Document. The motion was seconded by W9ATK.

A discussion resulted about using 145.23 as a SNP and Marty, N9BMH's machine. With the Grandfather clause Marty's repeater is protected. If problems do occur the other station will have to resolve the situation. The purpose of the SNP frequency is for emergency use, repeater testing and must be for short duration. An example would be an ARES communications vehicle.

A suggestion was made to add input offsets to the band plan example for 2-meters +/-600. The Band Plan should be added as an appendix to the Policy Document.

The motion was accepted by all the members present.

Candidacy of George (Dick) Isely W9GIG:

Dick is running for Director of the ARRL Central Division. Nels had high recommendations for Dick and his abilities to fill the position. Dick has worked well with WAR in coordinations between Illinois and Wisconsin. He has always worked for the betterment of amateur radio. Dick is a real people person and does not bring along any axes to grind in any of his endeavors.

The members discussed WAR endorsing Dick's candidacy. Rodney, N9GHE, made a motion for WAR to endorse the candidacy of Dick, W9GIG, for Director of the ARRL Central Division.

The motion was seconded by Dan, WB9TYT. The results of the voting was: 8-yes votes, 3-no votes and 3 abstains. The motion passed.

Other Business:

Dave had a request for a repeater that would exceed WAR's policy for height and ERP. The trustee will have to attend a WAR meeting and present his case to the membership. The case will be voted on by the members present at the meeting.

The Policy Document will need amending to contain the procedure for a trustee to exceed WAR's height and ERP policy.

The next meeting is December 9th at the Outagamie County Red Cross in Appleton. Take US-41 to the Ballard exit south. Stay on Ballard until Wisconsin Ave, US-96. Proceed west on Wisconsin. The chapter office is at the North West corner of Wisconsin and N. Owaissa Street. There is a small diner across the street from the chapter.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Heimmermann (KF9CS)
Wisconsin Association of Repeaters, Secretary