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Date: March 18, 2017
Location: Ham Radio Outlet - Milwaukee, WI – 10:00 CDT
Attendance: Chairman Tarr W9JOL, Vice-Chairman Westover KB9KBK, Secretary Braun N9CHA, Treasurer Sheetz K9OQO, Frequency Coordinator Karr KA9FUR, Communications and Newsletter Editor Bargholz N9UUR
Kyle KC9SDK, Calvin K9CAL, Tom N9BBG, Dean KB7QDI, Bill WQ9A, Dave WB9BWP, Rick W9RIX, Dean K9QB, Bob W9RNA, Dale AB9DW, Karen KC9WQJ, Richard KA9OJN, Corey KB9BNA, Ben KC9ROI, Phil KB9LPP, Mike KB9JXZ, Kevin N9OIG, Lonnie N9OJH, Mike N9LIG, Mark N9MEA, Keith W9QJQ, Nick AC9LF, Joe KD9CJX, Michael KB9VBR, Chris KC9NVV, Dave KA9WXN, Tom KA9KJE, Steve N9FSE, Gregg W9DHI, Matt N3IVK, Ralph N9BDR, Dale WB9ADB, Rich KC9FNM, David WB0AFB, Pete AB9PJ, Peter W9CFV, Josh KC9WWH, Mike N9OEZ, Bill K9JQE, Milt N9WSZ, Tony K9UDS, Emil N9FBF, Len N9QIP, Frank KC9HEA, Tom KC9ONY, Loren N9ENR, Greg WB9TRO, Richard W9RIC
(54 in attendance)

Call to Order: 10:00 CDT - Introductions

- Introductory remarks by Chairman Tarr W9JOL, welcome to the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Association of Repeaters, Inc. Chris offered his thanks to the current Board for their hard work and dedication during the previous year.

Secretary's Report

- Greg N9CHA thanked those who have sent in their Periodic Updates and encouraged everyone to be sure they respond by April 1st. The Annual Report of the Association was filed in January with the State of Wisconsin. Publication of the Minutes of the March 2016 Annual Meeting are on the web site. Greg reminded all to make use of the email addresses and information available on the web site as it's the best source for all information of the association.

Treasurer's Report

- Jim K9OQO reported the balance in the checking account. Expenses and deposits are recorded on a balance sheet provided. Jim announced after 25 years of service to the organization it's time for him to step aside and allow someone else to take on the treasurer responsibilities. The group acknowledged Jim's dedication with grateful applause.

Vice-Chairman's Report

- Jim KB9KBK offered his thanks to his fellow Board members for a productive year. Jim announced he will not run for reelection due to time constraints. The group acknowledged Jim's service to the organization with grateful applause.

Coordinators Report

- Dave KA9FUR reviewed the previous year's efforts to audit the database has been successful. He acknowledged that the Periodic Updates had not been sent out in 2016 due these efforts. He reported it was very important to verify the data.
- On February 7, 2017 a list of 21 coordination's were posted to the web site as removed from active records. About half of those listed responded.

Chairman's Comments

- Chris W9JOL reviewed the previous year's activities and what he learned about the organization since it was his first year serving as Chairman. Most importantly he said, "we must continue to strive to use the spectrum



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allotted to us in an efficient manner.” Chris commented on the recent auction of frequency bands by the FCC for various purposes, and that we amateurs need to be diligent with our use of the spectrum.

- Chris commented on the Area Coordinator’s Conference, held on November 5, 2016 in Hales Corners, which WAR hosted. Best practices, current events, new modes, future challenges and the importance of working together resulted in an excellent and productive meeting. Discussions regarding modeling of coordinated parameters and the inclusion of that practice as a matter of Policy was discussed.
- The work completed by the Board in regards to the Bylaws resulted in a working document which those in attendance will review.
- Chris stressed the importance of playing fair and by the rules, and encouraged those to get involved in policy discussions.
- A proposed method of getting more involvement is included in the Bylaw revisions and that is to include appointed representatives from throughout the State.
- Chris reviewed how future officers of the Association would be elected. If adopted, a Board of Directors consisting of 11 members, would constitute the Board, and of those, the operational Officers would be appointed.
- Chris also reviewed the proposed conditions of membership. The terms of annual membership is proposed to be from March 1st to the last day of February.
- The importance of fiscal responsibility was stressed by Chris. Post card notifications save a significant amount of money. Newsletters will now be distributed electronically, with the web site being the primary source of information and news regarding the Association.
- Coordination is a recommendation, and as such, required voluntary compliance is needed. Chris encouraged the group to maintain their coordination records and to communicate with him if there are questions that come up.

General Discussion

- The location of the next meeting, perhaps in August, should be hosted in a more centralized location. Wausau was suggested.
- It was suggested that future meetings include an on-line method for those around the state to participate.
- If adopted, the regional WAR representatives could hold their own meetings and participate via an on-line method.
- The next newsletter could be electronic only, and a post card notification, including a web link, for download rather than incurring significant printing and mailing costs. Going forward, notifications and Association news should be handled electronically. The use of email is encouraged.

Bylaws – Review and Adoption

- The group discussed the revised Bylaws (12-12-2016).
- A change to Article III, Section C. (5) to include a potential of more than a single district representative from an area as defined by the selective access policy.
- Motion as amended; by Greg W9DHI, seconded by Kyle KC9SDK. No further discussion, motion approved.
- Publication of the proposed changes will be made in the next meeting announcement, and passage by two-thirds of the members present or a duly appointed representative or proxy at the next meeting after publication.

Policy – Review and Adoption

- The group discussed the revised Policy (11-05-2016).
- A change to Article II, definition of Active Repeater and/or Auxiliary Station (1), remove “consecutive” from the term of operation.
- A change to Article II, definition of Significant Change (3) remove “mode of operation” and include as a further definition of (4) “emission designator.”



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- A change in order of Sections. Place Section V in front of Section IV. This provides better understanding of terms in regards to Frequency Interference & Arbitration, as it relates to Frequency De-Coordination. The table of contents reflects this change as well.
- Motion as amended; by Greg W9DHI, second by Mark N9MEA. No further discussion, motion approved.
- Publication of the Policy will be made to the web site and is considered to be in effect.

Election of Officers

- Chairman – Chris Tarr W9JOL
- Vice Chairman – Dean Hoover KB7QDI
- Secretary – Greg Braun N9CHA
- Treasurer – Chris Keezer KC9NVV

Set Date and Time for Next Meeting

- TBD (perhaps August in Wausau)

Adjournment by Mutual Consent: 11:49 CDT

Respectfully submitted,
WAR, Inc. Secretary Braun N9CHA