

Wisconsin Association of Repeaters
June 12, 1999 Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Gary Bargholz, at 1:06 p.m. It was held at The Big Moose Inn in Tomahawk.

Introduction of members and guests:

KF9CS Mark Heimmermann, K9GTQ Tom Ross, N9MBL Jolene Ross, N9TD Art Kratz,
KF9ZU Bette Kratz, W9YPY Jim Caldwell, W9YZS Joe Priebe, WB9RBD Jim
Broulette, WA9POV Dave Knaus, WB9TYT Dan Bolander, N9VSV Jeananne Bargholz,
N9UUR Gary Bargholz, KA9TCC Larry Diegel, K9PJB Dick Drew, WZ7V Barry Norrgron,
KA9BHK Diane Hamman, W9BHL Mike Hamman, KD9HH Bill Volm, N9KII Diane Volm,
WD9GFY Mike Kelly, W9IXG Don Mikhalski.

Secretary's report:

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. Tom Ross, K9GTQ, made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as printed in the newsletter. The motion was seconded by Dave Knaus, WA9POV, and approved by the members present.

Treasurer's report:

Balance on 3/13/1999	2191.20
Expenses (469.37)	
Income 1433.27	
Balance on 6/11/1999	3155.10

There were no outstanding expenses at the time of the report. Joe Priebe, W9YZS, made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded by Jim Caldwell, W9YPY, and approved by the members present.

Newsletter report:

The next newsletter will have a new look. It will contain the mast head indicating WAR's membership in the NFCC. The current issue contains WAR's PL plan on the frequency directory. If you have an article to submit to Ray, WD9HOD, please submit it one month before day of the next meeting.

Coordinator's Report:

Dan, WB9TYT, highlighted his activities since the last meeting. It has been a busy couple of months. Dan listed all the new repeater coordinations and has caught up with the annual flood of renewals. There are two forms available on the WAR web site. One is for the annual update "Membership Application / Coordination Update Form" and the other is for new coordination "Coordination Application Form". The web page URL is "<http://web.gmtcom.com/~war/forms.htm>".

If you want confirmation that your repeater is current check the web site for the current frequency list or the latest newsletter. The repeaters which are current contain an '*' and the date the information was updated.

Please send all renewals to the Treasurer Jim Sheetz, K9OQO. This places the update into the system and ensures that the newsletter database is updated.

Chairman's Report:

IRA:

Gary expects the final copy of the agreement to be received from Dick Isely. The change addressed WAR's concern over remote repeater sites. The wording of the change is "Remote receivers shall require coordination if they are located greater than one-third of the distance between reduced-spaced co-channel repeaters and they are located within twenty miles of the Illinois/Wisconsin State Line." With only these changes Gary thinks he will sign the agreement after he reviews it. Other groups are interested in what WAR and IRA have setup to provide more frequencies and allow further experimentation.

MACC:

Annual meeting was held on-line. MACC dues have been suspended until further notice. The following amateurs were elected to serve on the MACC Executive Committee:

President: Dick Isely W9GIG

Vice-President: Nels Harvey WA9JOB

Secretary: Ken Bird W8SMK

Treasurer: Denny Crabb WB0GGI

Member-At-Large: Ken Enenbach KC0WX

Member-At-Large: Cliff Bade W8CJB

Member-At-Large: Ken Rau K7YR

NFCC:

Dick Isely and the NFCC board presented an open discussion to all amateurs on "Is mandatory repeater coordination needed now?". The consensus of those present is, "Yes it is needed". Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, feels repeater coordination is the right choice.

The ARRL board reviewed the NFCC's PRM and requested further information and examples to demonstrate the need for coordination. The PRM committee is gathering the information for the next ARRL board meeting. If the ARRL does not approve the PRM the NFCC will still submit it.

There is one option left if the FCC decides not to make a rule change to Part-97. Instead something similar to what is done in the commercial spectrum where everything is a MOU (Memo Of Understanding). This would give the FCC the power to enforce the coordination of repeaters. We should hear more information by the next WAR meeting.

Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH:

Riley of the FCC was present at Dayton and discussed his priorities for amateur radio. The first thing Riley wants to attack is how the HF bands are viewed by other countries. While attending ITU meeting, a country brought in a recording of some of the activities on 80 meters and asked if the US needs more spectrum for such activities. This made any advancements in the HF band difficult.

The second priority is to track down violators and prosecute them. He is particularly looking for any reports on interference with 2-meter repeaters. If you have interference from a paging system give Riley a call.

The third priority is to ensure the future of amateur radio. He related a story of a young amateur who passed his extra class. Riley asked him how it felt to be able to transmit on all the bands. The lad replied he was unable to operate on 80 meters. When asked, "How come?" he replied that his father told him "80 meters was inappropriate for a young person".

Old Business:

The status of W9RIC's conversion from 442.125 to 443.175 was unknown. Dan said he would check on Rick's progress later.

New Business:

The problem is that some trustees are dead, moved or do not know they are the trustee on record. It was proposed that a list of repeater trustees be listed on the web page. There was discussion about frequencies to be de-coordinated being placed on the web page.

Dan Bolander, WB9TYT, made a motion to "Reimburse N9UUR and WA9JOB up to a maximum of \$200 each for expenses incurred to attend the NFCC meeting". The motion was seconded by Art Kratz, N9TD, and approved by the members present.

Dan Bolander, WB9TYT, made a motion to close the meeting. It was seconded by Tom Ross, K9GTQ. The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 P.M.

The next meeting will be September 11, 1999 in Milwaukee.

Respectfully submitted

Mark Heimmermann (KF9CS)

Wisconsin Association of Repeater, Secretary

SEND US YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS !

W.A.R. has started a list of E-Mail addresses from our members.

If you would like to receive information important to Repeater Coordination, W.A.R, and reminders of our quarterly meetings via E-Mail, please send us your address.

We hope to have at least one contact name or address from each Coordinated Repeater in the state. To be added, just send an E-Mail to N9UUR@execpc.com, and request to be added to the W.A.R. list.

The list is maintained by W.A.R. for our own use, and no addresses will be released to any other entity.

WAR Web Page

The address is:

"<http://www.gmtcom.com/war>"

The web page is maintained by our webmeister, Dave Knaus, WA9POV. If you like what you see - let Dave know via e-mail at wa9pov@execpc.com.

The account and space for the WAR web page are made available by Bob Schmidt, N9GMT. Thank you Bob for your continued support and assistance.

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