

Wisconsin Association of Repeaters
Minutes of the March 11, 2000 meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 1:11p.m. by the Chairman, Gary Bargholz. It was held at Titledown Brewery in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Introduction of members and guests:

KF9CS - Mark Heimmermann

Sharon Heimmermann

N9GHE - Rodney Pajula

W9BHL - Mike Hamman

N9UUR - Gary Bargholz

N9VSV - Jeananne Bargholz

K9OQO - Jim Sheetz

N9BQM - Joel Papke

KB9ENO - Bill Niemuth

KB9OAL - Steve Pelletier

WA9POV - Dave Knaus

WA9JOB - Nels Harvey

W9RIC - Richard Kosiorek

KA9FUR - Dave Karr

WB9MHS - Virgil Burmeister

Secretary's Report:

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. A motion was made by Rodney, N9GHE, to accept the minutes of the last meeting as printed in the newsletter. The motion was seconded by Bill, KB9ENO.

Treasurer's Report:

Jim presented the finances. We received a check for \$328 dollars from the ARRL for our coordination data. The balance as of March 10, 2000 was \$2206.20. This amount is a little higher than the same time last year. Mark, KF9CS, made a motion to approve the treasures report. It was seconded by Nels, WA9JOB, and approved by the members present.

Please make all your checks payable to W.A.R.

Newsletter:

Please submit all articles for the newsletter 30 days prior to the next meeting date.

Frequency Coordinator:

Dave has spent his weekends since the December meeting finishing up the coordination tools. The tools will provide greater accuracy and automate many of the tasks. He is now ready for the onslaught of renewals coming up.

Six repeaters have been de-coordinated in the last 3 months. Once the renewals settle down, Dave will return to processing the delinquent repeaters.

If you have any information about systems that are off the air or have changed, please contact Dave.

NFCC Report:

Nels attended a meeting between the NFCC and the ARRL. The purpose of the meeting was to firm up the relationship between the NFCC and ARRL. This is to present a united front before the NFCC

takes meets with the FCC. The original requirement of mandatory frequency coordination was a bad idea and is not going to happen. The current thinking is to provide a single point of contact for the FCC. The NFCC will deal with problems and report to the FCC. The NFCC plan is to create a national organization for visibility but not to dictate operating practices to the coordination groups.

New Business:

Band planning:

Wisconsin does not have a current plan. The ARRL repeater directory has a suggested band plan. It provides little information for new hams. Dave Karr presented a preliminary copy of a band plan for Wisconsin. He used the MACC documents as a guideline to create the proposal. There was a lot of good discussion from Nels, Joel and the others present. The plan divides the spectrum between the different amateur modes such as: simplex, repeater inputs/outputs, links, packet, ... WAR's purpose is to not dictate how another group coordinates their frequencies. WAR still only coordinates repeaters and link frequencies. The plan is to get agreement from the amateurs in Wisconsin and publish the band plan. WAR will provide the band plan to Wisconsin's neighboring states for their comments.

The current draft is not ready for implementation. Dave Karr will make revisions to the draft and distribute the new proposal before the next WAR meeting. A copy of the band plan can be obtained from the WAR web page.

Nomination of Officers:

Gary Bargholz, N9UUR was nominated for the position of Chairman by Nels, WA9JOB and seconded by Rodney, N9GHE. The nominations were closed and Gary was approved by all present.

Mike Hamman, W9BHL, was nominated for the position of Vice Chair by Gary, N9UUR and seconded by Nels, WA9JOB. The nominations were closed and Mike was approved by all present.

Mark Heimmermann, KF9CS, was nominated for the position of Secretary by Nels, WA9JOB and seconded by Bill, KB9ENO. The nominations were closed and Mark was approved by all present.

Jim Sheetz, K9OQO, was nominated for the position of Treasurer by Steve, KB9OAL and seconded by Nels, WA9JOB. The nominations were closed and Jim was approved by all present.

Scott Thompson, WB0WOT, was nominated for the position of Technical Director by Nels, WA9JOB and seconded by Rodney, N9GHE.

Rodney Pajula, N9GHE, was nominated for the position of Technical Director by Dave, WA9POV and seconded by Virgil, WB9MHS.

The nominations for Technical Director were closed and Rodney Pajula was approved by the present majority.

WAR directory:

Some of the members received a copy of the repeater directory published from the Illinois coordination group. The members were impressed by the quality and discussed about WAR producing a similar directory. No final decision was reached but watch for it in December.

Web page:

The two Daves, WA9POV & KA9FUR, have been busy with the WAR web page. Dave Knaus proposed that WAR obtain its own domain name. The cost for two years is \$70 and \$35 a year after that. Dave sent around a list of possible names to choose from. The name chosen is "wi-repeaters.org". The domain will be hosted by the current web page provider free of charge.

Dave made a motion that WAR obtain its own domain name. It was seconded by Rodney Pajula, N9GHE. The motion was approved by the majority present.

The next meeting is June 10, 2000 at the Big Moose Inn in Tomahawk, Wisconsin.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

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