

WAR minutes for March 8, 2003

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The meeting was called to order at 1:08 p.m. by the Chairman, Gary Bargholz. It was held at the Outagamie County American Red Cross in Appleton, Wisconsin.

Introduction of members and guests:

KF9CS	Mark Heimmermann
KB9BYP	Jeff Schmeichel
KB9ENO	Bill Niemuth
W9BLS	Barry Sprifke
KA9WXW	David Schank
KB9KBK	Jim Westover
K9OQO	Jim Sheetz
N9VSV	Jeananne Bargholz
KB9LRD	Brian Long
W9RIC	Richard Kosiorek
N9UUR	Gary Bargholz
N9WSZ	Milt Klingsporn
KA9FUR	Dave Karr
N9RJZ	John Ensley
KB9GKC	Douglas Cohen
WB9MHS	Verg Burmeister

Secretary's Report:

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. Dave, KA9FUR, made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as printed in the newsletter. The motion was seconded by Jeananne, N9VSV, and approved by the members present.

Treasurer's Report:

The balance for March 8, 2003 is \$3574.90 without the expense for the March newsletter. Bill, KB9ENO, made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded by Jeananne, N9VSV and approved by the members present.

Communications:

Submissions to the newsletter are due 30 days before the next meeting date.

The Re-mailer list is still a "Work in Progress".

Frequency Coordinator:

Dave reported that improvements to submission procedures for the ARRL Repeater Directory have allowed the deadline to be moved close to the actual publishing date.

Dave explained the proposed changes for the 440 band plan. The new changes would allow 17 new repeaters to be coordinated in the southern part of the state. Existing repeater pairs and auxiliary links will not be affected. The proposal was published a year ago and has received few responses during that time.

Dave, KA9FUR, made a motion for the following changes

- 1) The following text shall be added to Section XI(b) "standard repeater frequencies"

*On a shared basis with auxiliary stations, frequencies between 440.000 and 440.975 MHz, 441.400 and between 441.500 and 441.975 MHz are available for repeater outputs with inputs located 5 MHz above the output. 25 kHz spacing will be used starting at 440.000 MHz.*

- 2) The frequency range of 426.0000 to 426.2000 shall be added to the second paragraph in Section XI(a) "Auxiliary link and control frequencies".
- 3) The bandplan document shall be formally adopted and made an Appendix of the revised policy document.

Jim, K9OQO, seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous consent with no abstains.

The situation of the N9VBK repeater was discussed. It was determined to be off the air and no longer present at the coordinated position. Following WAR's policy a decoordination letter was sent to the trustee on Feb 2, 2003. Recently WAR learned that the repeater is back on at an uncoordinated location.

Gary, N9UUR, moved that the policy of WAR is the repeater was decoordinated as of Feb 2, 2003 and therefore the frequency is available for re-coordination. It was seconded by Jeananne, N9VSV. The motion was approved by the members present with Dave, KA9FUR, abstaining.

We discussed the 902 MHz band plan and 25MHz splits. WAR did not have any proposal to change the plan, but is open to further response from the membership on the 902 MHz band plan.

#### Chairmen's Report:

##### MRC

Gary reported on WAR's relationship with MRC. In the past it has been a strained relationship. Gary is pleased with the recent response he has had with his counterpart, Steve, from MN. A few issues they have discussed was the automatic re-coordination of the 147.060 in Stillwater, MN and proposed changes to their band plans.

##### ARES/RACES Repeater Designation

In the past WAR has allowed trustees to designate their repeaters as being an ARES/RACES repeater by selecting the appropriate box on their coordination. To correct this ambiguity Sam Rowe, KG9NG, has made a motion for a policy change on ARES/RACES repeater designation to read "The designation of an ARES/RACES affiliated Repeater must have the approval of the local County ARES/RACES EC and/or State SEC.". Jeananne, N9VSV, seconded the motion. It was approved by unanimous consent.

Bill, KB9ENO, will solicit all the ECs in Wisconsin to build a list of official ARES/RACES repeaters in the state. This list will be updated into the WAR database.

##### WAR Policy Document Update

Gary is making updates to the WAR policy document. This 50+ page document will include the changes from the last 7 years. Gary will post the document on the web page when it is complete.

##### New Business:

#### WAR Assets

The WAR Board approved the purchase of a \$270 document scanner for the Assistant Coordinator. The Assistant Coordinator processes all the paperwork for repeater renewals. Each document is scanned and added to the coordination database. WAR even owned a commercial repeater for about one week.

#### Nomination and Election of Officers:

##### Treasurer

Jim Sheetz, K9OQO, was nominated for the position of Treasurer by Jim, KB9KBK and seconded by Jeananne, N9VSV.

The nominations for Treasurer were closed and Jim Sheetz was approved by unanimous consent.

##### Secretary

Mark Heimmermann, KF9CS, was nominated for the position of Secretary by Jeananne, N9VSV and seconded by Verg, WB9MHS.

The nominations for Secretary were closed and Mark Heimmermann was approved by unanimous consent.

##### Vice Chairman

Jim Westover, KB9KBK, was nominated for the position of Vice Chairman by KB9BYP and seconded by Verg, WB9MHS.

The nominations for Vice Chairman were closed and Jim Westover was approved by unanimous consent.

##### Chairman

Gary Bargholz, N9UUR, was nominated for the position of Chairman by KB9BYP and seconded by Jim, KB9KBK.

The nominations for Chairman were closed and Gary Bargholz was approved by unanimous consent with one abstain.

##### Appointments

Gary re-appointed Dave Karr, KA9FUR, as the Frequency Coordinator and Milt Klingsporn for Assistant Coordinator. Both accepted.

The next meeting is Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> in Tomahawk, WI.  
The third and final meeting is Nov 8<sup>th</sup> in Milwaukee, WI.

Gary, N9UUR moved that the meeting be closed. Jeananne seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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