

Wisconsin Association of Repeaters
November 8, 2003
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 12:49 pm. by the Chairman, Gary Bargholz. It was held at the Brisco County Wood Grill in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin.

Introduction of members and guests:

KF9CS	Mark Heimmermann
K9JAC	John Hughes
KC9EEP	Robert Guenther
KA9JCP	Ron Crown
N9FSE	Steve Sundquist
N9EAW	Tom Hervert
WB9TYT	Dan Bolander
	Rogene Baker
K9OQO	Jim Sheetz
WA9JOB	Nels Harvey
N9UUR	Gary Bargholz
N9WSZ	Milt Klingsporn
KA9FUR	Dave Karr
KA9WXN	Dave Schank
W9BLS	Barry Sprifke
AA9W	Edward Rate

Secretary's Report:

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes.

Nels, WA9JOB, made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as listed on the web page. The motion was seconded by Dave, KA9FUR, and approved by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report:

The balance for November 8, 2003 is \$3401.07.

Milt, N9WSZ, made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded by Nels, WA9JOB, and approved by unanimous consent.

Newsletter:

There were insufficient articles to produce a full newsletter. Gary sent out postcards and saved W.A.R. a ton of money. The postcard directed members to view the minutes on the web site. Dave will add the latest frequency listing to the web page.

E-mail Reflector:

The W.A.R. e-mail reflector is up and running on QTH.NET. The reflector is open for anyone interested in Amateur Repeaters and Frequency Coordination issues in and around the State of Wisconsin. To be approved for the reflector go to "mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/war" and apply.

Gary made a motion to send a \$50.00 donation to "QTH.NET" for the reflector. The motion was seconded by Nels, WA9JOB, and approved by unanimous consent.

Frequency Coordinator:

Dave has gotten a little behind with frequency coordination. Milt will be handling a large portion of the data entry to help Dave with the load. Dave has received four new requests for repeater coordination.

The recent spectacular band openings have caused issues between N.E. Wisconsin and Chicago. Both areas use a CTCSS of 107.2. Dave proposes that future repeaters in N.E. Wisconsin use a CTCSS tone of 100.0. Gary will change the listed CTCSS tone for N.E. Wisconsin to 100 and see if anyone notices or complains.

ECHO Link / IRLP:

A discussion was had about the current "Internet Linking" craze. It was decided that this is not a Coordination related issue, and not something W.A.R. needs to keep track of. Also, the ARRL currently has no method in place for us to report this type of information to them for use in the Repeater Directory.

ARES:

Dave and Milt will delete all the ARES flags from the W.A.R. database in preparation for Bill Niemuth's compiled list of ARES repeaters in Wisconsin.

Policy Documents:

Gary has pulled together all W.A.R.'s policy documents into a single document and updated the bylaws to incorporate all the motions passed since he became Chairman. All the documents are available on the W.A.R. website. Please review them and send any notes or corrections to Gary.

We discussed the merits of mailing paper copies of the documents to the trustees. Gary will discuss this with the WAR board.

MACC / NFCC:

Nels has resigned as a board member of the NFCC. A new board was elected in September. The FCC does not allow a single entity or organization to influence its policy. The NFCC has adjusted its focus in response. It will help coordination entities and ensure that no maverick individuals reduce their effectiveness.

New Business:

The Annual meeting for 2004 is March 6th at the Outagamie County Red Cross in Appleton.

The July 10, 2004 meeting will be on the west side of the state, possibly in Eau Claire.

November 13, 2004 meeting will be back in Milwaukee.

Nels, WA9JOB, moved that the meeting be closed. Dan, WB9TYT, seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.

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