

WAR minutes for March 12, 2005

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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 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
WA9JOB	Nels Harvey
N9UUR	Gary Bargholz
N9VSV	Jeananne Bargholz
KB9ENO	Bill Niemuth
W9RIC	Richard Kosiorek
KB9DSV	Earl Andre
WA8WG	Bill Becks
WB9TYT	Dan Bolander
N9BDR	Ralph Pellegrini
K9OQO	Jim Sheetz
KA9FUR	Dave Karr

Secretary's Report:

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report:

The balance for March 12, 2005 is \$3613.75 with the expenses for the March newsletter. Dan, WB9TYT, made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded by Nels, WA9JOB and approved by the members present.

Communications:

The web site has been running fine. Milt is able to update the web site with the latest frequency listings. Only a few have signed up for the group's reflector. To sign up for the reflector go to "<http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/war>".

Gary invites anyone with an article for the newsletter to submit it to Gary at n9uur@wi-repeaters.org. Remember to submit the article 30 days before the next meeting date.

Frequency Coordinator:

Renewal Points

1. Please include the repeater's callsign, frequency and city on all correspondence to ensure proper handling.
2. Do not fill out coordination forms for repeater renewals. Just wait for the renewal package from the coordinators.
3. Please read the information on the renewal form and verify it is correct. Signing the renewal form indicates you agree with WAR's data.

There was a good discussion on some coordination "WAR stories". Difficulties over the years and the tremendous effort put forth by the volunteers.

When a repeater is off the air, the trustee must maintain communications with the coordinators. If the repeater is off for an

extended time with little or no communication, it will be de-coordinated.

Jeananne, N9VSV, thanked Dave and WAR for the three year effort they invested in finding a repeater pair for the Milwaukee ARES group.

Chairman's Report:

The WAR policy for dues: Dues are not a requirement to maintain your coordination, but help WAR publish a newsletter and cover expenses of coordination. Please send in any dues with your coordination renewals. All paperwork flows through the Assistant Frequency Coordinator (AFC). The AFC will forward information to the secretary, and funds to the treasurer as appropriate.

New Business:

Jim, K9OQO, asked if WAR should send another donation of \$50 to the MailingLists@Mailman.Qth.Net. The motion was passed by unanimous consent.

Bill, KB9ENO, discussed the ARES/RACES's plan for a linked repeater system in the state. The repeaters will be linked by radio, internet and/or hardwire. The system will be primarily used for ARES/RACES, training and operations. They will be forming a new tax exempt group to finance the system.

Old Business:

ARES/RACES Repeater Designation - Due to some confusion and issues that arose in the past, WAR will only accept input from the ARES Section Emergency Coordinator (Currently Bill Niemuth, KB9ENO) or his designate as to whether a repeater should be noted as an "ARES" affiliated repeater in our records and published listings. Local trustees who wish to have their repeater listed as an "ARES" machine, should contact their local Emergency Coordinator, who will in turn report this information to the SEC. The official state ARES repeater list will then be sent by the SEC to the WAR Assistant Coordinator as updates are needed. This procedure removes WAR from the process of deciding who should or should not be an "ARES Repeater", which is not a Coordination related issue.

Nomination and Election of Officers:

Nels, WA9JOB, made a motion to nominate the current officers of Chairman(N9UUR), Treasurer(K9OQO) and Secretary(KF9CS) to another term and that the nominations be closed. The motion was seconded by Dan, WB9TYT, approved by unanimous consent.

Vice Chairman

Bill, WA8WG, nominated Dan Bolander, WB9TYT, for Vice Chairman. The nomination was seconded by Nels, WA9JOB. The nominations were closed and Dan was elected by unanimous consult

Appointments

Gary re-appointed Dave Karr, KA9FUR, as the Frequency Coordinator and Milt Klingsporn, N9WSZ, for Assistant Coordinator. (Since the meeting, Dave Knaus N9QA was reappointed as the WAR Webmaster.)

The next meeting is Saturday, July 16th in Eau Claire, WI at the airport.

The third and final meeting is Nov 12th in Milwaukee, WI.

Gary, N9UUR moved that the meeting be closed. Jeananne, N9VSV, seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

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