

WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF REPEATERS



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Newsletter

Member: Mid-America Coordination Council

Founding Member: National Frequency Coordination Council

From the Assistant Coordinator

This past Spring I went through the database and found about a dozen entries (all of them for links) that didn't have any supporting record to verify their use. I sent out letters asking if the channels were actually in use, and if so requested that an auxiliary coordination form be submitted. There was only one response and we are in the process of coordinating that link.

So far this year we have coordinated 14 new repeaters and 6 new links. There are another 7 requests that are being worked on.

If you contact me regarding a repeater's coordination, please specify the repeater's callsign, output frequency and city. Then I won't be guessing as to exactly which repeater you're referring to and we'll know that we're both talking about the same repeater. The program I use to access the database can sort on those three parameters. Identifying your repeater by a club name does not help me at all as there is no way to search the database based on a club name. Please help me to help you.

On March 9th I mailed out 30 renewal letters with a request that they be returned to me by April 9th. Only 19 have been returned. I'd like to remind you that the W.A.R. policy states "Frequency coordination ... shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of issuance. Renewals of frequency coordination are not automatic and renewal will be extended only

Next W.A.R. Meeting:

Saturday July 16th, 2004
1:00 PM

Connell's II Restaurant
at the Eau Claire Airport

3800 Starr Ave.
Eau Claire, WI

upon return of the Annual Update Form to the Repeater Frequency Coordinator. This renewal is done by returning the yearly renewal form sent by W.A.R. to each ... Holder of Coordination. Those that do not return the renewal form for more than one year will not have their system listed in the W.A.R. Repeater listing, or the ARRL Repeater Directory, and will be considered for repeater system de-coordination. It is the sole responsibility of the Holder of Coordination to keep W.A.R. informed of their current system information, and a correct mailing address."

Please, when you receive the annual renewal letter review it for accuracy and return it by the requested date, which is 30 days from when it was mailed to you. This will help us to keep your coordination active and up-to-date.

Milt N9WSZ
Assistant Frequency Coordinator

Wisconsin Association of Repeaters March 12, 2005 Meeting Minutes

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
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 consent.

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 Heimmerrmann, KF9CS
W.A.R. Secretary

Wisconsin Association of Repeaters E-mail Reflector

W.A.R. has an e-mail list serve for Wisconsin Coordination issues, and Repeater Building, sign up at:

<http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/war>

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