

WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF REPEATERS



March 2006 Newsletter

Member: Mid-America Coordination Council
Founding Member: National Frequency Coordination Council

From The Chairman

The NFCC kind of skipped a year in it's election cycle, and ended up with some extra open slots with odd terms on it's Board of Directors. An election was held in December 2005, here are results.

The following three Directors terms will be to the conclusion of the 2007 election.
Doug Sharp, K2AD Colorado FC
Jay Maynard, K5ZC, Minnesota MRC
John Gebhur, WB0CMC Nebraska FC

The following two Directors will serve to the conclusion of the 2006 election:
Eric Schmidt, KA5WMY, TXVHF
Rich Ranson, N9YAY II. RA

The new Board held it's first meeting on February 6, 2006. The first order of business was to elect it's officers, those results were:

Chairman of the Board
Doug Sharp, K2AD
President
Doug Sharp, K2AD
Vice President
Jay Maynard, K5ZC

Per the bylaws the Chairman, President and Vice president must be members of the Board of Directors. The other two positions defined by the bylaws are Secretary and Treasurer. These positions may either be Board members or be elected from the NFCC Membership delegates. The Board felt it was beneficial to involve as many other opinions and voices as possible, so they have decided to solicit non-board candidates for these positions. This is in process at this time.

**Next W.A.R. Meeting:
Saturday March 4th, 2006
1:00 PM**

**Offices of the
American Red Cross
Appleton, WI**

1302 E. Wisconsin Ave.
Appleton, WI 54911

The Board of Directors also discussed the goals of the NFCC. They have decided to focus on a few areas, specifically:

- 1) Strengthen the relationship with the FCC and ARRL.
- 2) Update the NFCC web presence.
- 3) Bring the mailing lists up to date.
- 4) Work on NFCC Certification of new coordination bodies.

Congratulations to the winners, and thanks to all those who ran and those who participated. Hopefully, with some new blood, the NFCC will be on the way to getting back on track.

Again we have Nels WA9JOB for stepping up and pushing a few things forward (like getting the Election going), and Dan WB9TYT for volunteering to be an election official and count up the ballots. I believe W.A.R. and Wisconsin HAMS continue to do more than their fair share in trying to keep our national coordination organization alive. Thanks Nels and Dan.

So speaking of stepping forward and getting involved... Our next meeting will include the election of new W.A.R. Officers for 2006, and be held in Appleton on March 4th.

Hope to see you there.

Gary, N9UUR
W.A.R. Chairman

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Wisconsin Association of Repeaters E-mail Reflector

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

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

Wisconsin Association of Repeaters November 12, 2005 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:12 p.m. by the Chairman, Gary Bargholz. It was held at Brisco County Wood Grill & Saloon in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin.

Introduction of members and guests:

KF9CS	Mark Heimmermann
WA9JOB	Nels Harvey
KC9GDV	Mike Yuhas
WB0AFB	David Felland
WB9BWP	Dave Defebo
KA9FUR	Dave Karr
AB9CD	Mark Tellier
KB9RCG	Margie Klingsporn
N9WSZ	Milt Klingsporn
N9VSV	Jeananne Bargholz
N9UUR	Gary Bargholz

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 printed in the newsletter. The motion was seconded by Jeanne, N9VSV, and approved by the members present.

Treasurer's Report:

The balance for November 12, 2005 is \$3991.97. Nels, WA9JOB, made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. It was seconded by Jeanne, N9VSV, and approved by the members present.

Communications Report:

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. Please sign up for the WAR reflector. You don't have to worry about getting buried. The traffic is very light. To sign up for the reflector go to "http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/war".

W9VAT/SK

John LeFeber, W9VAT, has died at the age of 80. John was instrumental in the creation of the Wisconsin Association of Repeaters, and was the state's first frequency coordinator. This was when the state's repeater coordinations were kept in a paper notebook. He was, also, instrumental in the repeater that became the current 146.31/146.91 Milwaukee Repeater Club system. WAR recognizes John's efforts which are the basis for WAR's success.

Coordinator's Issues:

The due date for WAR to submit coordinations to the ARRL is (was) January 13, 2006. To be listed in the new repeater directory you must have your coordination into WAR in December 2005.

Milt has just finished the renewal cycle. Two months after 176 renewals were sent, 40 second notices of renewals were sent. After the second notice, decoordination letters will be issued to those who have not responded. Please check the web site to ensure that your repeater coordination is current and not in risk of decoordination. If your repeater is not listed then WAR considers it deordinated. Please check the information on the renewal forms. DO NOT just sign the form and return it.

MN attended the July WAR meeting. There were discussions on the lack of WAR responses to MN's NOPCs. Dave checked his email and determined that 86% of NOPC were responded to within the 30 day limit. There was a problem with a specific MN repeater being built. It resulted in a flurry of emails and opinions. The situation has been resolved between the MN and WI.

Dave thanked Milt for the great job he is doing with the recoordinations. Gary, thanked both Dave and Milt for the great asset they are providing to the WAR organization.

MI is still MI and continues as before.

There still are problems with repeaters being changed without notifying WAR.

NFCC

The voting has begun for next year. Seven people have been nominated for 5 positions. We reviewed WAR's election ballot for the NFCC. Since the NFCC's beginning, Nels has been a long time supporter. Nels recommended that WAR vote for the following individuals:

John Gebhur, WB0CMC, Nebraska FC
Jay Maynard, K5ZC, Minnesota MRC
Rich Ranson, N9YAY, IL. RA
Charlie Sears, N9MEW, Indiana FC
Doug Sharp, K2AD, Colorado FC

Gary, N9UUR, moved that we accept Nels recommendation for voting. Milt, N9WSZ seconded, and it was approved by the members present.

Other/New Business:

None.

The meeting schedule for 2006 is:

1. March 4 Appleton (Red Cross Office)
2. July 15 Eau Claire (At the Airport)
3. November 11 Milwaukee

Adjournment:

Milt, N9WSZ, moved that the meeting be closed. It was seconded by Nels, WA9JOB. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Heimmermann, KF9CS
W.A.R. Secretary

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July 28 and 29, 2006

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