

WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF REPEATERS



April 2010
Newsletter

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

From the Chairman

Our last meeting had a last second location change, that resulted in a couple folk going to the wrong location in Eau Claire. Due to construction at the airport where we have usually met, we moved to a church downtown. My apologies to those who didn't get the word in time. We had a very good meeting however, including a visit by the Minnesota Frequency Coordinator, Jerry Dorf, N0FWG .

Our next meeting should not be as hard to find, we're at the Red Cross office again in Appleton on April 10th. Hope to see you there for the annual election of W.A.R. Officers

Gary Bargholz, N9UUR
W.A.R. Chairman

From the Assistant Coordinator

In 2009 we handled 67 coordination requests. These requests added 27 new repeaters, 4 new links and 5 repeaters that moved to a different location. We also coordinated adding CTCSS tone to 20 repeaters (due to the 2008 sunset for having tone squelch on a repeater's input). The remaining 11 coordination requests changed some parameter on existing repeaters (antenna height, power, CTCSS tone, etc.). In 2010 we've processed 7 coordination requests, all for new repeaters.

Re-new (rinú:,rinjú:) v.t.
To complete the yearly paperwork we all hate.

Well, I think we've now got a renewal process in place that no

Next W.A.R. Meeting:
Saturday April 10th, 2010
1:00 PM

Offices of the
American Red Cross
Appleton, WI

1302 E. Wisconsin Ave.
Appleton, WI 54911

one needs to hate. Instead of receiving renewal forms with a 30-day return requirement, you now have 3 months to return it. Second notice renewals are sent with a 2 month return requirement, for a total of more than 5 months to review, sign and mail back the renewal form. However, there is NO third strike, no third mailing via certified letters. So that there is no surprise, the second notice renewal form has the following note at the top right-hand corner:

NOTE:

Failure to return this renewal by the above date will result in automatic de-coordination. Requests for re-coordination must be made in person, or by proxy, at the next W.A.R. meeting.

Overall I'd say the 2009 renewal process was relatively easy for everyone and the new process a success. On May 12th 189 renewal forms were mailed with an August 15th due date. On September 10th 39 renewal forms were mailed with a November 15th due date. That's the lowest number of second notice renewals I've ever had to send out. Let's see if this year we can't reduce that number even more. All forms

were returned, with one repeater being voluntarily de-coordinated.

In the near future I will be updating the W.A.R. forms on the web site. One significant change will be that you will be able to enter your data on the form, print it to mail in, and then also save a copy on your computer with all your data present. Another change will be on the ERP Worksheet, which will be able to calculate the ERP figure once you enter in the basic information. No more trying to do log and inverse log calculations yourself. I believe I'll also be able to incorporate those calculations into the repeater and link forms as well. I hope to have those changes in place by the April meeting. I'll be posting a message on the W.A.R.'s e-mail group on QTH.NET when the updated forms are available.

Milt Klingsporn, N9WSZ
Assistant Frequency Coordinator

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**Wisconsin Association of Repeaters
October 17, 2009
Meeting Minutes**

WAR minutes for October 17, 2009
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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by the Chairman, Gary Bargholz. It was held at Grace Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Introduction of members and guests:

KF9CS Mark Heimmermann
WB9TYT Dan Bolander
WB9PMF Tim Rose
KA9OMC Steve Hart
K9OQO Jim Sheetz
N9UUR Gary Bargholz
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N0FWG Jerry Dorf
KB9SGY David Garnett

Secretary's Report:

Dan Bolander, WB9TYT, made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the September 2009 newsletter. The motion was seconded by Jeananne Bargholz, N9VSV, and approved by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report:

Jim said the current balance is \$5331.03 minus \$216.60 for travel expenses. This past year WAR has received two bad checks totaling \$25 and costing WAR \$47 in bank fees. Gary requested Jim to summarize the Beginning Balance, Income, Expenses and Ending Balance in WAR's financial reports.

Milt reported that WAR has received to date, \$155 for new coordinations and \$1445 for renewals.

Dan Bolander, WB9TYT, made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Jeananne Bargholz, N9VSV, and approved by unanimous consent.

Communications:

Newsletter:

The newsletter was sent out on time.

WWW Site & E-Mail:

Everything is working fine.

Data Storage Site For Coordinators:

The large amount of data exchanged between the coordinators and board members is too large for normal file sharing and has to be burned to a DVD. Dave is requesting WAR setup an ftp account with a data provider to facilitate the exchange of data between members. The board will vote on the resolution Dave proposes for the situation.

Frequency Coordinator:

Review of Renewal Process:

On September 10, 39 second notices were sent

out, which involved 57 repeaters. As of 10/17 12 renewals have not been returned. After the deadline, the sites which have not responded are dropped from coordination. Please remember that a repeater system must be renewed every year, independent of the date the paper work is returned.

There have been 5 D-Star systems coordinated within the state. WAR is not coordinating the D-Star data links, only the repeater frequencies. Dave is maintaining a list of the data link frequencies used in the state. Currently there are four requests for repeater coordination. One in Milwaukee is requesting a height change and several new requests for Stevens Point and Green Bay.

Other/New Business:

A question came up on the procedure for coordinated repeaters with no-talkie: If you are aware of a repeater which appears to be off the air, please contact one of the Frequency Coordinators. The coordinators will make an inquiry to the repeater trustee or primary contact on the status of the repeater's operation.

A question on auxiliary link coordination:

There is a form on the WAR web site for coordinating repeater auxiliary links. It requires information on the transmit and receive sites.

Revisions to WAR By-Laws and policies:

Milt reviewed the wording of the documents and corrected the wording and philosophy to match current practices. The majority of the changes only affected wording and

do not affect basic policy. The biggest procedural change is to the renewal process implemented this year. The changes were published in the September 2009 newsletter

and this brings the documentation in line with the changes. The newsletter, By-Laws and policies are available from the WAR website "www.wi-repeaters.org".

A suggestion was made to add an amendment page for revision history to the By-Laws and procedures. The date links revision changes to the changes published in the newsletter.

David Kaun, N9KMY, made a motion to accept the By-Laws and policy changes as published in the September 2009 newsletter. The motion was seconded by Rick Radke, W9WS, and approved by unanimous consent.

Minnesota Repeater Council:

The Minnesota Repeater Council's next meeting is October 31, 2009. They are proposing to change from a distance based coordination to a modeling based coordination.

The next WAR meeting will be Appleton, WI on April 10.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Heimmermann (KF9CS)

Wisconsin Association of Repeaters, Secretary