

WAR minutes for September 10, 2011

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The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. by the VICE-Chairman, Dan Bolander. It was held at the Outagamie County Red Cross in Appleton, Wisconsin.

Introduction of members and guests:

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| KF9CS | Mark Heimmermann |
| WB9TYT | Dan Bolander |
| K9OQO | Jim Sheetz |
| N9WSZ | Milt Klingsporn |
| KB9RCG | Margie Klingsporn |
| W9ULK | Gary Sorensen |
| W9SKE | Sandy Eberlein |
| KA3LAO | John Sichert |
| WA9JOB | Nels Harvey |
| KA9FUR | Dave Karr |

Vice-Chairman's Report:

About 3 months ago I received an email from Bob Schmidt that he had some personal issues in his life and needed to resign as Chairman of WAR. As a result we are having this meeting to elect officers and catch up on coordination issues.

Secretary's Report:

There were no corrections presented at the meeting. Milt, N9WSZ, moved to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter. The motion was seconded by Nels, WA9JOB, and approved by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report:

As of 9/10/2011 WAR's balance is \$5,669.94. Nels, WA9JOB, made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read. The motion was seconded by Milt, N9WSZ, and approved by unanimous consent.

Assistant Coordinator's Report:

In May 172 renewal notices were sent out. We received back 141. On September 6 we sent out 32 second notices. Of those 10 notices were sent to the holder of coordination when different than the primary contact. They have until November 15 to return the renewals. After November 15 they are subject to decoordination. The surest way to verify a coordination is up-to-date is to go to the text version of the online listings. The far right column has the date. If there is a "<" pointing to your date your renewal is not current.

I have sent out letters to 15 repeaters that are coordinated in our database and listed as "under construction". These machines were given 6 months to complete the construction. When the construction is complete they are to notify WAR that the repeater is on-the-air and the "under construction" flag will be removed. If the construction is not complete they are to contact WAR for an extension. Some of these coordinations go back to 2005. In the letter they were told to update WAR with the repeaters status. If WAR does not receive any feedback the machines will be de-coordinated.

Coordinator's Report:

Generally new coordinations are using synthesized rigs and it is easier to find an open frequency for a specific location. When the coordination has a specific location and frequency the coordination is difficult. Dave works with the trustee and the neighboring coordination groups to arrive at an agreeable solution. Dave

provide technical support to help reach a resolution. Dave uses modeling software to establish the propagation of a repeater based on system gain, topology and antenna height. This allows new machines to be located closer with reduced interference.

WAR's policies and band plans lag what we have done over the last couple of years with respect to: narrow emissions, digital policy, digital registry, ...

Dave has talked with the neighboring groups about forming a larger organization to better utilize the resources available between the various coordination entities. The discussions have been favorable and the discussions has been on the scope of such an organization.

Communications:

Thanks to Gary, N9UUR, for the great job on the newsletter, in spite of a broken foot.

Requests for Re-coordination of Repeaters Who Failed to Return Their 2010 Renewal Forms:

Dave Karr, KA9FUR, represented the following repeaters for reinstatement of their repeater coordination's:

K9KJM Ken Meyer
KC9LKZ MILWAUKEE AREA DIGITAL OPERATORS GROUP

The systems were approved for reinstatement for the 2011 year. They will have to renew their coordination in 2012.

Comments and Open Discussion:

Dan, WB9TYT, requested feedback on how to increase the attendance at the WAR meetings. The size of Illinois and Minnesota meetings average about 50 attendees. Their meetings are more professional and formal. Some discussion of changing to a single meeting in the center of the state, sending ballots for greater feedback and involvement.

There were general discussions on WAR getting a: web domain, ftp site and the group reflector.

New Business:

NFCC:

Nels, WA9JOB, discussed the status of the NFCC. The group is behind on electing new officers. The NFCC is in danger of losing its incorporation. There are smaller organizations begging for a larger organization to help solidify coordination in their areas. The NFCC helps to organize all the smaller coordination groups. It provides a single point of contact for outside groups.

Jim, K9OQO made a motion for WAR to assist the NFCC with its fees to re-incorporate. The fees will cost approximately \$50. Milt, N9WSZ, seconded the nomination. The motion was approved by all members present.

Nomination and Election of Officers:

Secretary:

Nels, WA9JOB, nominated Mark, KF9CS, for secretary. Milt, N9WSZ, seconded the nomination. The nominations were closed. By unanimous consent Mark is the new WAR Secretary.

Treasurer:

Milt, N9WSZ, nominated Jim, K9OQO, for treasurer. Nels, WA9JOB, seconded the nomination. The nominations were closed. By unanimous consent Jim is the new WAR Treasurer.

Vice-Chairman:

Dave, KA9FUR, nominated Dave Shank, KA9WXN, for vice-chairman. Nels, WA9JOB, seconded the nomination.

Milt, N9WSZ, nominated David Kobylinski, KB9WCK, for vice-chairman. Mark, KF9CS, seconded the nomination. The nominations were closed. By a show of hands, David, KB9WCK, was elected as the new WAR Vice-Chairman.

Chairman:

Dan, WB9TYT, nominated Len Kreyer, N9QIP, for chairman. Milt, N9WSZ, seconded the nomination.

Nels, WA9JOB, nominated Dave Shank, KA9WXN, for chairman. Dave, KA9FUR, seconded the nomination. The nominations were closed. By a show of hands, Dave, KA9WXN, was elected as the new WAR Chairman.

Appointments:

The appointments for Coordinator, Assistant Coordinator, Newsletter Editor, Web Master will be handled by the new Chairman of WAR.

The next WAR meeting will be set at a later date.

Mark, KF9CS, made a motion to the close the meeting.

Dan Bolander, WB9TYT, closed the meeting. We adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

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