

# WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF REPEATERS



*November 2013*  
*Newsletter*

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

## From the Chairman

The next WAR meeting will be an election meeting. In light of the upcoming election, I am officially announcing that I will not run for re-election as Chairman. I have been informed, as of late, that the organization has felt that I am not performing my duties as expected.

WAR is in need of people who can move us into the future of repeater coordination. Many of our members want to see online renewals and submissions. There are others who would like us become part of a larger organization made up of multiple coordination bodies.

The heavy lifting of the organization has been done by Dave and Milt for several years. While they have been looking for help from the elected leadership for some time, they have not received it. To be honest, we have been "functioning" this way for years.

The elected board's job is to set policy and direction of the organization. It has easy to "not pay attention" to the lack of leadership when Milt and Dave have been picking up the slack. It's time for everyone in the organization to take responsibility and lead this group.

This sounds like a lot of work, and admittedly yes, it is a lot of work for a complete board of directors. Running an organization with the board members from all over the state is difficult. Additionally, finding people who really have the time and commitment to actually perform these duties is important.

For me, I feel that my ability to commit fully to this organization, in addition to balancing the needs of the other clubs and my work/family commitments, has become spread too thin. Therefore, it's time to let others take the reins to lead us forward.

Thank you for the many opportunities to serve you these last two years. I look forward to seeing WAR's future growth and expansion under the new leadership.

Dave KA9WXN  
W.A.R. Chairman

***Next W.A.R. Meeting:***  
**Saturday November 16th, 2013**

**1:30 PM**

**Red Cross Building**  
**1302 East Wisconsin Ave**  
**Appleton, WI 54911**

## From the Assistant Coordinator

Thus far in 2013 we have handled 23 coordination requests. These requests added 12 new repeaters, 1 new D-Star repeater, 1 new P25 repeater, 2 new links and changes to 7 repeaters. There are 13 coordination requests that are currently being processed.

On May 13th I mailed 184 renewal forms for 2013. These were due back August 15th ; 79% were returned. On September 3rd 39 second notice renewal forms were mailed that are due back by November 15th . The list of repeaters whose renewals have not been returned as of October 19th is listed in the this newsletter. If renewals are not returned by November 15th the repeater is subject to de-coordination.

### ***De-Coordination Notice***

The following repeaters are subject to de-coordination for not returning the 2012 renewal form.

They may request re-coordination in person, or by proxy, at the November 16th WAR meeting in Appleton, WI.

N0BZZ 146.700 Bayfield  
N0BZZ 443.850 Bayfield  
KC9FWD 147.285 Wautoma

Note that renewal forms are sent for operational repeaters only. If you feel you should have gotten a renewal form, maybe you forgot to let us know when your repeater went on-the-air.

When you contact W.A.R. regarding a repeater,s coordination, please identify the repeater by callsign, output frequency and city. That ensures we,re both talking about the same repeater, and lets us quickly find the repeater in the database (which has 365 repeaters and 220 links). Identifying your repeater by a club name or a portion of the frequency (e.g., 67) is insufficient. Also, there is no way to search the database based on a club name. I,ve received emails/letters that talk about "my UHF" or "my D-Star" repeater, or just a frequency and no city or callsign; these emails/letters were signed with a first name only and no callsign. That makes it pretty difficult to find the data needed to answer your question. Please help me to help you. Remember that we're all volunteers trying our best to help you.

At times Dave Karr (frequency coordinator) or I will send an e-mail to you with the other copied on it. When you go to reply please do a "reply all", not just a simple "reply". We,ve copied each other because we need the other to see your response so that further action on your coordination request can be taken. A simple reply, does not accomplish that because then your reply e-mail goes only to the sender, and the other person copied on the original e-mail never receives your reply.

Remember that coordinations are to be requested BEFORE any changes are done on a repeater system.

Milt N9WSZ  
W.A.R. Assistant Coordinator

**Wisconsin Association of  
Repeaters  
Nov. 10, 2012  
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order 1:30pm

Welcome and Introductions:

Dave	KA9WXN
Jim	K9OQO
Dave	KA9FUR
Milt	N9WSZ
Ralph	N9BDR
Matt	N3IVK
Gary	W9ULK
Steve	KA9OMC
James	KB9LUK
John	N9QWH
Len	N9QIP
Greg	N9CHA
Rick	W9US
Ronald	W9RMA
Gale	WD9HFT
Tim	WB9PMF
Robert	N9VOY
Dave	N9KMY
Jack	W9JET

Secretary's Report – As printed in the newsletter. Motion to accept W9RMA, Second by N9QIP

Treasurer's Report – Jim - Motion N9QIP second by KB9LUK

Assistant Coordinator's Report – Milt 35 coordination requests. There was an explanation of the handling of the process. 181 renewals sent out in May. In August 22 second notices were sent. There was discussion about a change of coordination with a repeater in Wautoma. Still waiting for them to appointment the new contact person. Clubs should be listed as the owner of coordination. Club can then change the trustee as they feel. Officer of the club can make the request of callsign change. Primary contact needs to be a person and the secondary should be the club.

N9QIP asked a question about a Tone change and not being available in the listing until the coordination and status has been processed. Any changes to a system are sent out to the other states coordinators. Coordination process explained by Milt. Milt needs the constructed information back from the repeater owner. We do not share the database info with just anyone. Only the other coordinators share our database.

W9RMA has an issue with the new coordination of interference of his new KB9LUK 147.210 repeater. PL173.8 pl on the repeater. He asked for asked for a different frequency of the 146.805 MHz. Discussion of the coordination reason for the frequency. We use models for mobile users not base stations. A discussion of a PL tone plan.

145.110 packet repeater in Minnesota interfering with N9QWH repeater in Earl for 10 years. Minnesota Repeater Coordination group has this listed as a digital repeater. Dave KA9FUR will ask MRC about this coordination.

Discussion on shared non protected being coordination by MRC. All groups have not standardize on the shared frequency.

Coordinator's Report – Dave KA9FUR No report.

Elections: Motion made by Jim K9OQO and second by Milt N9WSZ to postpone elections until the next meeting.

New Business

There was a question about our relationship with the other states ? Both Dave and Milt said we have a good working relationship.

Wecom 145.250 MHz Comcasts interferes with their repeater with users in River falls. We need more data of the hotspots areas. Need to fox hunt the interference and keep records. It was suggested to contact the local cable company.

Proposed Next Meeting April 20th 2013 in Appleton. (This meeting did not happen because of a conflict with the IRA meeting on the same day.)

Someone stated that 146.550 seems to have repeater on it. This is a simplex frequency and WAR does not coordinate simplex frequencies. A comment was made that it could be a someone using a cross band radio.

Motion to Adjourn the meeting N9KMY and Second KB9LUK.

Submitted by  
Dave Schank KA9WXN  
W.A.R. Chairman

**Second notice renewals**

Were mailed on September 3rd to those who did not return the renewal that was mailed May 13th.

Here is the list of repeaters that have not returned their second renewal notice as of October 19th, 2013. If second notice renewals are not returned by November 15th the repeater is subject to de-coordination.

K9KEW	146.805	Algoma
K9GB	147.120	Green Bay
K9EAM	147.360	Green Bay
K9EAM	444.775	Green Bay
KB9QJN	146.640	Irma
KB9QJN	442.775	Irma
KC9KUM	443.225	Janesville
K9KEW	146.805	Kewaunee
N0EXE	444.750	La Crosse
N9KAN	53.070	Madison
N9KAN	443.400	Madison
W9MTW	146.610	Manitowoc
K9MTW	145.110	Manitowoc
W9PIF	147.000	Marinette
KA9ASQ	146.745	Montello
W9MB	223.820	Niagara
KD9UU	443.675	North Freedom
W9OSH	223.900	Oshkosh
KC9QKJ	224.800	Racine
KR9RK	147.270	Racine
KR9RK	442.000	Racine
KA9LOK	444.050	Racine
N9KMY	147.330	Roberts
KB5ZJU	224.940	Sheboygan Falls
K9UWS	146.760	Superior

Milt N9WSZ  
W.A.R. Assistant Coordinator

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