



Wisconsin Association of Repeaters, Inc. - Membership Meeting - August 26, 2017 - Page 1

Date: August 26, 2017
Location: WI State Patrol Offices - Wausau, WI – 10:00 CDT
Attendance: Vice-Chairman Hoover KB7QDI, Secretary Braun N9CHA, Treasurer Keezer KC9NVV
Tony KC9SZW, Rodney N9GHE, Rick W9RX, Mark N9MEA, Kelly N9HBN, Tom N9BBG,
Howard K9HAH, Robert W9RCG, John AA9JL, Gale WD9HFT, Ronald W9RMA, Wayne K9WKJ,
Paul KB9TYC, John N9RJZ, Justin KC9HYC, Francis KC9PSO, Rich KC9NW, Corey KB9BNA, Joe KD9CJX
(22 in attendance)

Call to Order: 10:00 CDT - Introduction of Officers

- Introductory remarks by Vice-Chairman Hoover KB7QDI, welcome to the 2017 August Meeting of the Wisconsin Association of Repeaters, Inc. Dean offered his thanks to the Board for their participation in current events.
- Dean thanked former chairman Chris Tarr W9JOL for his dedication to the Association and pointed out his efforts in revising the Policy and Bylaws were a major contribution to the long-term success of WAR.

Secretary's Report

- Greg N9CHA reported the General Membership meeting was held on March 18, 2017 hosted by Ham Radio Outlet, Milwaukee, WI with 54 in attendance. The meeting minutes are posted on the web site.
- The Board of Directors meetings since March 18th were held on June 14th, July 25th and August 8th.
- Chairman Chris Tarr W9JOL resigned June 30th, 2017
- Updates to the website have been made as items of interest have developed

Treasurer's Report

- Chris KC9NVV provided the current balance of accounts.

Coordinators Report

- Dave KA9FUR was unable to attend the meeting.

Vice-Chairman's Comments on Current Affairs

- Dean KB7QDI commented on the current status of frequency coordination. He suggested the Association will need additional volunteers to achieve its goals of timely responses to new requests and periodic updates.
- The members expressed their concern that the current response time is too long, creating much confusion and frustration to those wishing new and revised coordination status.
- Dean KB7QDI provided some potential guidelines and suggestions to improve the process of coordination, including but not limited to additional staff:
 - Coordination Secretary who would be responsible for sending/receiving coordination related correspondence, assigning tracking or case ID numbers.
 - Additional Coordinators, potentially three, based on workflow, perhaps regional.
 - Head Coordinator to oversee all coordinators, liaison to the Board. responsible for overall work product quality
 - Technical Advisor, responsible for long term planning, i.e. narrow bandwidth emitters, etc.
 - Education, develop content to make coordination more understandable
- Team meetings to be held via internet conferencing
- Future meeting of the Association be made available via video conferencing.



General Discussion

- The group asked if an on-line tool could be developed which would provide frequency selection based on coordination parameters.
- Discussion of why the coordination process is so complicated and why specific data regarding the coordination parameters are so strict.
- Question regarding Proxy voting was answered in the revised bylaws.
- Suggested future discussion regarding Tax Status (non-profit) 501(c)(3) of the organization.
- Suggested future modification of the bylaws to include a definition of the Board of Directors qualifications of being a ham operator and member of the organization to become eligible.
- Suggested future modification of the bylaws to include a statement of dissolution. Example: "In the event the Wisconsin Association of Repeaters, Inc. ceases to exist, the remaining assets shall be conveyed to...."

Bylaws – Review and Adoption

- Motion by Mark N9MEA, 2nd by Rick W9RIX, "To allow contributions made to WAR during the periodic update period of 2017, to be applied as membership dues as defined in the revised bylaws." Secretary Braun N9CHA and Treasurer Keezer KC9NVV are to develop a membership form, modify existing documents, and provide notification to the affected membership that their 2017 dues have been paid, (August 26th, 2017 thru February 28, 2018.. Motion passed.
- Motion by Mark N9MEA, 2nd by Ron W9RMA, "To adopt the bylaws as presented to the group, formerly revised March 18, 2017." Secretary Braun N9CHA to make the bylaws available on the web site. Motion passed.

Volunteers to Assist the Association

- Vice Chairman, Dean KB7QDI, asked the group if any would be interested in assisting the association with duties involving coordination.
- Discussion regarding the "job-description" of such efforts and a "scope of work" document be prepared as a guideline to volunteer assistance.
- The following have expressed interest in helping WAR with coordination duties: Rick W9RIX, Paul KB9TYC, Gale WD9HFT, Ron W9RMA, Rich KC9NW, John AA9JL, Mark N9MEA, Len N9QIP, Bill WA8WG, Robert W9RCG.

Set Date and Time for Next Meeting

- TBD (March 2018, HRO, Milwaukee)

Adjournment by Mutual Consent: 11:31 CDT

Respectfully submitted,
WAR, Inc. Secretary Braun N9CHA