

Wisconsin Association of Repeaters, Inc - Membership Meeting

Date: March 16, 2019
Location: Ham Radio Outlet, 5710 Good Hope Road, Milwaukee, WI 53223
Attendance: Dean KB7QDI; Rick W9RIX; Josh KC9WWH; Chris KC9NVV; Tony KT9AC; Mike N9OEZ; Corey KB9BNA; Gregg W9DHI; Jim K9QLP; Omar K9MAR; Sean KD9FGF; Nels WA9JOB; Kevin N9OIG; Emil N9FBB; Paul KB0P; Tom N9BBG; Pete AB9PJ; Dave WB9BWP; Tom KC9ONY; Loren N9ENR; Gary N9UUR; John N9UPC; David KA9WXN; Steve N9FSE; William WQ9A

Call to Order: 1001 CDT

General Information

- Last Membership Meeting was August 25th 2018 at Jamf in Eau Claire, WI.
- The Board of Directors have held regular meetings since then
 - 2018: August 29th, September 26th, October 17th, November 7th
 - 2019: January 9th, February 13th

Secretary's Report

- Presented new website at August meeting
 - All information was transferred over and since then we've updated/added:
 - Ability to pay member dues
 - WI Band Plan
 - FAQ section
 - Work hard to deliver regular updates via the website
- We also created a Facebook group to help disseminate information
 - Linked to website, any new posts get published to Facebook
 - Also understand everyone is not on Facebook, you will soon be able to subscribe to updates via the website
- Update March 2018 Minutes - Jim N9QLP should be K9QLP

Treasurer's Report

- Checking Account Balance: \$4,268.22
- PayPal Account Balance: \$401.31 (membership fee's submitted online)
- P&L's are on the tables

Coordination Secretary's Report

- Coordination Activity since August meeting...
 - 11 new coordinations issued
 - 2 operating modifications to existing coordinations
 - 25 responses to adjacent state NOPC's
 - 8 current open coordinations (in various states)
 - 19 coordinations in construction status
 - Please let us know of updates
 - After 6 months they can be de-coordinated
 - Keep us up-to-date and we can extend
 - Just keep communication open
 - 14 coordinations awaiting NOPC's / ready to issue
- Annual Updates
 - We were a little behind last year - focused on coordinations
 - Now we're a little behind on coordinations as we finish up the annual updates
 - Had a really good response on the 1st round of annual updates
 - Will be getting the repeater list updated on the website in the near future

President's Report

- Annual Notices
 - 1st notices were sent in November 2018
 - 2nd notices were sent in February 2019
 - There are some we haven't received a response too - will be reaching out to known contacts for repeater
- Adjacent States Audio Conference
 - Held in January 2019
 - Discussed better coordination with sharing information
 - Sharing databases between states on a regular basis
 - Discussed possibly moving away from CTK
 - Been some dissatisfaction with CTK software
 - Looking at possible other solutions, some online based
 - Moving to an online platform would allow us to look at better integration and automation

Old Business

- Band Plan
 - Appreciate getting updated band plan out
 - Can continue discussion of band plan and update as needed
 - We're not going back and forcing existing coordinations to match current band plan
 - Band plan is to provide guidance moving forward
 - Look at providing specific recommendations on simplex frequencies
 - Today's operators may not fully understand the guide
 - Board to add to the FAQ on specific recommendations for hotspots
- Repeater Listings
 - Only officially on WAR website
 - No longer submitted to ARRL, they don't even except submissions

New Business

- Inaccuracies in Repeater Coordinations
 - There was a period of time a few years back where we had people helping with inputting coordinations
 - Repeater location, power output...items not entered correctly
 - We can try and go back and see when information may have changed
 - Please let us know of incorrect reporting and we can dig into this
- Adjacent State Coordinations - Entering NOPC's into CTK
 - NOPC doesn't guarantee coordination
 - We also don't get notices on de-coordination
 - Need to rely on sharing databases between states for accuracy
- Meeting Notices
 - Notice was posted to website and facebook
 - Membership request email notification 30 days prior to meeting

Elections

- Directors 5, 6 and 7 are up for (re)election
 - Tony, KT9AC willing to continue, no objections
 - Mike, N9OEZ willing to continue, no objections
 - Josh, KC9WWH willing to continue, no objections
- Gary N9UUR nominates all three, Pete AB9PG seconded
- Nells, WA9JOB moved to submit unanimous vote, all in favor - unanimous vote cast

Adjournment: 1051 CDT

Respectfully Submitted,
Joshua Roskos, KC9WWH
WAR Secretary