

Wisconsin Association of Repeaters, Inc - Membership Meeting

Date: August 31, 2019
Location: Jamf, 215 Riverfront Ter, Eau Claire, WI 54703
Attendance: Dean KB7QDI; Rick W9RIX; Josh KC9WWH; Chris KC9NVV; Corey KB9BNA; Ron W9RLL; Gary KD9CIT; Kenny AC0GV; Paul KB9TYC; Wayne K9WKJ; John AA9JL; Jerry N0FWG; Tom KA9KJE; Gloria KC9GLO; Steve KA9OMC; Mike KC9UMU; Jay K5ZC; John N9UPC

Call to Order: 1002 CDT

General Information

- Last Membership Meeting was March 16th 2019 at HRO in Milwaukee, WI.
- The Board of Directors have held regular meetings since then
 - 2019: March 27th, April 24th, June 5th and July 17th
- Updates to the website have been made as items of interest have developed

Secretary's Report

- Subscription option available on website
 - 1-2 updates per month
 - Notice of meetings and organization updates
- Online Forms
 - Working to help ease the Annual Update process
 - Hoping to have an online form for those that have no changes/updates to the info on the Annual Update form
- Live Streaming of Membership Meetings
 - This is the first meeting we've streamed live
 - Hoping to evolve to where we can host meetings throughout the state
 - Was also asked to post the recording to the website

Treasurer's Report

- Checking Account Balance: \$4,308.22
- PayPal Account Balance: \$457.80 (membership fee's submitted online)
 - Being able to pay membership dues online has worked out very well
 - Most folks are paying online

Coordination Secretary's Report

- Coordination Activity since March meeting...
 - 2 new coordinations issued
 - 6 operating modifications to existing coordinations
 - 46 responses to adjacent state NOPC's
 - 17 current open coordinations (in various states)
 - Limited options for 2m repeater pairs in certain parts of the state
 - Some are waiting on NOPC's from adjacent states
 - 21 coordinations in construction status
 - Planning to start reaching out in the next few weeks
- Annual Updates
 - We were still working to finish these up
 - Some outstanding ones that have not responded; now over a year old
 - We've reached out via mail, email and over the phone
- Modeling Tools
 - Working w/ IL on new modeling tool to identify new requirements for close-spaced coordinations
 - Currently use Radio Mobile, but looking to potentially transition to Signal Server
- Corey has been filling the role of Coordination Secretary & Frequency Coordinator
 - Working to build the Coordination Secretary Committee to help
 - Have several individuals interested

Vice President's Comments

- *Nothing at this time*

President's Comments

- Volunteerism
 - We need help to continue to keep WAR operating efficiently
 - Doesn't require a lot of time
 - Coordination Secretary Committee / Band Plan Committee
 - If you're interested in helping, reach out to anyone on the board
- Education
 - Working to educate repeater owners
 - Added FAQ and updates via website
 - But can still do more
- Annual Notices
 - 1st notices were sent in November 2018
 - About a dozen folks that still haven't replied
 - We need to keep our information up-to-date; please reach out
 - If you don't respond; why?; is the repeater on the air?
 - We may need to open up that pair to others

Old Business

- *Nothing at this time*

New Business

- Elections - Paul KB9TYC
 - All officers are always elected at the spring meeting
 - Everyone except two are from SE corner of state
 - Can we do something to allow folks up north to vote? Split-voting between meetings; Proxy; Written ballot
 - Board can discuss options: Could possibly up-date bylaws to split up voting; Online voting / webinar
- Coordination of ARDEN Networks
 - Hasn't currently been any requests
 - If folks are interested we can definitely discuss
- Recommended Hotspot Frequencies - John N9UPC
 - Looking to be proactive in setting up hotspot frequencies
 - Worried we're going to start crowding ourselves with all the new digital technologies
 - There have already been cases of unintentional interference both nationally and in the state
 - Tony KT9AC did do a lot of work on the band plan and did recommend some frequencies for hotspots
- Band Plan - Wayne K9WKJ
 - ARDEN - no mention of 2.4GHz spectrum?; What channels?; We can go quite a long ways with this
 - Hotspot frequencies - not all radios can go that low to use the 420-432Mhz range
- Reach out with ideas/questions/concerns - Rick W9RIX
 - Don't just wait till these meetings
 - Reach out to any member of the board with anything at anytime
- Indiana Repeater Council - Jay K5ZC
 - Working on an online replacement for CTK
 - Includes ability for repeater owners to view their coordinations
 - Hoping to have a demo at next adjacent states meeting

Adjournment: 1046 CDT

Respectfully Submitted,
Joshua Roskos, KC9WWH
WAR Secretary