

**Milwaukee Repeater Club
Board Meeting
July 19,2002**

Location home of Tom AB9EK.

Present; Gary N9UUR, Tom AB9EK, Napoleon NØXXL and Janet KB9ZAG.

Guest; Warren K9IZV.

Meeting called to order by club President Napoleon, NØXXL, at 7:30pm.

Technical Report: Gary, N9UUR, stated that the northeast site is up and on the air. The antenna did not have to be retuned. The site is on the new link frequencies. The new radio is being used as the receiver for the site because it has a problem and will be returned to the manufacturer when a replacement is available. The northwest site is still down and most likely will not be up for some time. Still looking for a main site replacement location.

Financial Report: Gary, N9UUR, stated that the club roster is now at 281 with 221 voters and 60 in suspension. There are some new members to be voted in at the next club meeting. The total of all accounts is \$13,892.36 and expendable funds are \$5,803.61. There is an outstanding bill for the July newsletter and the Voyager account, the old club web site server. Gary stated that the Voyager account (old Execpc.com) was closed back in November 2001 when the club found a new host for the web site. The account had been sent to a collection agency and Gary had been receiving phone calls from them. After many tries Gary was able to contact Jeff Parker of CoreComm, who owns Voyager, and sent him a letter explaining the clubs position. (Gary's letter is attached to the secretary's records.) The matter is now resolved, the account closed and no moneys owed. Gary also asked Janet, KB9ZAG, to get to him the Field Day funds as soon as possible.

Control Ops: Discussion occurred about the KerChunking that happened on the repeater on July 11-12th. Gary and Jeananne, N9VSV found the source on Friday the 12th. The problem was a malfunction of KB9SXH's power supply that he uses with his cross band radio. Gary stated that Mike, N9NPB and the technical committee should be congratulated for putting together a great repeater system. Gary wanted to know why non-of the Control Ops took the machine off the air. He stated that it should have gone off line and if this should ever happen again that the repeater should go down. Gary said that at the Wisconsin Repeater Association meeting that cross banding had been discussed and that members of other repeaters have banned this activity on their machines. Gary believes that the MRC should strongly discourage unattended cross banding operations on the MRC repeater. Should we have a policy for cross banding? Napoleon, NØXXL and Warren, K9IZV, were asked to write an article on cross banding for the next newsletter. The consensus of the board is that unattended cross banding on the MRC repeater should not be allowed. Dan, KA9OIL, of the Racine foxhunting group will be asked to attend the MRC picnic to explain the technique of finding hidden transmitters.

Activities: Janet, KB9ZAG stated the club picnic is at Kletzsch Park area #8 on August 31st. The food list is posted on her Community Web site. Would also like to have this posted on the MRC web page. A donation of \$250 was made to the club in order to locate a hall for this years Christmas party. Janet needs to find a place and a date soon. The club will have a table at the up coming VHF Society Conference on July 26-27th. Janet would like to have the information on having an article of clothing embroidered put on the club web site. A possible Brewers game and softball game between the MRC and the 145.130 group, for sometime in September, is being looked into.

Quilt Guild: Napoleon, NØXXL, stated that the group has sold 100 tickets for the quilt raffle. The raffle will be held at the club Christmas party. The Guild is doing the raffle and the money will go to club.

Swapnet Prices: Warren, K9IZV, produced a 1984 document from the FCC asking the club not to post the asking prices on the air. Since those times the FCC policies have changed. Janet is waiting for responses from the FCC on this policy of allowing prices. It's been noted that other swapnets allow the posting of the asking prices. Napoleon stated that asking prices would be allowed on the MRC swapnet but that no haggling will be allowed on the air. The

preamble will have to change. WB9RGO will have to be notified of this change when it is put into affect.

New Business: Napoleon, NØXXL, stated that the Army Reserve Center location on Silver Spring Drive is having a Medical Readiness Drill sometime in October. The commander is Col. Klempt and he has asked if the members of the MRC could help out with radio communications. Napoleon will be attending a meeting in August to get more information on the matter. Also the PAW's group will be having a training exercise in August at the Bong Recreation site and is looking for volunteers to help in communications.

Control Ops: Gary, N9UUR, handed out a draft proposal for the control ops explaining their duties. Gary is looking for comments or changes from the board and control ops. Once this is finalized, "The Milwaukee Repeater Club, Inc. Control Operators Charter", will give some guidance to the control ops when it becomes necessary to turn off the repeater due to offensive behavior on the air.

Swapfest: The chairman is Gary, N9UUR. Letters to the vendors will go out soon. It's time to talk up our up coming fest.

Other: Warren, K9IZV, asked why the club picnic and the meeting program, model rockets, were not listed under the calendar of events in the club newsletter. It should have been so that members know when the event is without having to look for the date somewhere else in the newsletter.

Next board meeting sometime in September 3-4-5th whenever Gary has an open date. Held either by Gary or Janet. Motion to adjourn made by N9UUR and seconded by KB9ZAG. Meeting adjourned at 10:23pm.

Respectful submitted
Tom Schulte, AB9EK
Club Secretary