

**Milwaukee Repeater Club
Board Meeting
October 7,2002**

Location: The home of Gary N9UUR.

Present: Gary N9UUR, Tom AB9EK, Mike N9NPB, Napoleon NØXXL and Janet KB9ZAG.

Guest: Warren K9IZV

Meeting called to order by Napoleon, NØXXL at 7:00pm. Napoleon stated that the new club call sign has not yet been received. He will contact the ARRL to see what is happening with our application.

Technical: Mike, N9NPB stated that there is no change with the system. The Northwest site is still down but Mike plans on looking at the situation with this site soon. The radios from Main site and the Northwest site need to be sent in for repairs. There is still intermod at the main site. Mike will replace the helical resonator with cavities. Hopefully this will solve the problem. Napoleon asked if there could be a voice warning on the repeater instead of just the letter "s" for weather warnings. Gary stated that if the control had the necessary words in its vocabulary then it could be done. Also Napoleon asked if there could be a voice ID for when we have communications drills or exercises, "This is a Drill". Its possible to use two "N's" along with voice. Gary stated that this might be done when the club gets a new controller. Napoleon stated that some individuals have told him that there is some confusion on the repeater when we are in net mode or the tone is at an I/S. Some of the newer hams don't know Morse code and don't know what these CW tones mean. Napoleon stated that there should be an announcement during the public service net telling everyone to visit the club web page to find out what the courtesy tones mean and also find out about the MRC. Will have to contact Deb KB9ISE, who handles the PSA to get this put in the announcements.

Articles of Incorporation: Napoleon is looking for some sort of document that will show that the MRC is a nonprofit/ not for profit organization. If we can show this, then the club can have information displays at stores, etc, without having insurance coverage. We need to find out who has these papers. It was suggested that Mike Zore be contacted for information on finding these documents.

Financial Report: Gary, N9UUR, stated that there is no club roster printed up as of yet. The roster usually goes out in the September newsletter. The roster will be sent out with the January newsletter since there is no time to get it in the October issues. The full roster is at 292 with 241 voters and 51 in suspension. Gary will wait until after the swapfest before he drops those who are in suspension. Total of all accounts is \$13122.83 and actual expendable funds are \$4629.34.

Swapfest: Gary stated that as of now only 20% of the tables have been sold. Some vendors want to set up the night before and have been told they have to wait until Saturday. If they were to setup on Friday the Expo center would most likely charge us for another day's rental. The list of volunteers most likely will be the same as last year. Al, N9RXD will be asked to get a list of the volunteers and also be net control at the fest. Gary will order 40 T-Shirts, same as last year. Mike, N9NPB will ask Mike, KB9PTP if he can get any door prizes. Years ago N9NPB, N9VSV and N9MGJ would go to local businesses and ask for door prizes. There will be no paper on the tables. Warren will make table numbers to place on the tables. The kitchen menu will be left up to the kitchen crew. Pat, Mike's, N9NPB, mother will be in charge of the kitchen. Napoleon stated that there would be a HF station set up like last year. It was suggested that we should start to look now for a new place to hold the fest. A motion was made by N9UUR and seconded by AB9EK to give one table and admission to the ARRL section manager. Motion passed.

Awards: Bob, AB9FB who is the award chairman, had reported that he has only one nomination at this time. What amount is in this year's awards budget? Napoleon thought that there is \$100, which was donated by Warren.

New Committee: Gary, N9MGJ was made the chairman of the Emergency Operations and Training Committee at the last club membership meeting. Gary will work together with organizations such as

PAWS and ARES to coordinate training excises. He will ask members to see what type of training they have and will set up different training courses that members can participate in.

A motion was made by N9NPB and seconded by KB9ZAG to adjourn at 9:00pm. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Tom Schulte, AB9EK
Club Secretary