

**Milwaukee Repeater Club  
Board Meeting  
January 20, 2004**

Location: Bob's (AB9FB) house, Franklin, WI

Attendees: Bob (AB9FB), Dean (KB7QDI), Joe (N9UX), Brian (K5GBW), Matt (KC9COY), Eileen (KB9ZHV), Warren (K9IZV)

Meeting called to order at 7:11 PM, CST

- 1) Tentative board meeting schedule for the year.  
Bob (AB9FB) proposed meeting the Friday before each Wednesday Meeting, and two Fridays before a Saturday Meeting. The proposed schedule is as follows: March 12, May 14, July 23, September 3, October 15, November 19.
- 2) Roster Discussion  
Joe and Brian discussed who should keep roster. It was decided that Brian would keep the roster and send out a copy each month to the rest of the board.
- 3) Discussion on Picnic/Bowling event proposed by Steve KC9AYN  
No commitment on event, it was decided that more information on planning and organization would be needed before any commitment would take place.
- 4) Committee Chairs  
Bob said he had contacted each of the committee chairs, and all had accepted continuing their responsibilities. The only change is Mark (KB9VJQ) would take over as Awards committee chair for this year.
- 5) Newsletter Articles  
Suggestion for each board member to write an article for the next newsletter.
- 6) Christmas Party Location  
Short discussion on location of possible new site for Christmas Party in church nearby. No decision made, discussed further later in meeting.
- 7) Publishing board Meeting Minutes  
Joe to check with Maureen (KB9VLJ) regarding 2003 meeting notes. Joe proposed typing notes, sending to board for check, then sending to Gary (N9UUR) for publishing on MRC website. Board agreed.
- 8) Publishing membership meeting minutes.  
Board agreed that membership meeting minutes should be published to the website in a timely manner.
- 9) Notification email for Newsletter  
Dean volunteered to send email to membership notifying them the club newsletter is

on the website.

10) Control Ops

Discussion on a control op who was not a current member of the club (KG9MJ).  
Discussion on amending Control Ops Charter to require membership in the club.

11) Southeast receive site Identification.

Brad (N9KXA) has notified the club he would like to have his call sign removed from the Southeast Site. Board accepted Brad's request. Action will be taken after Technical Committee has had a chance to discuss.

12) Membership Packet for new club members.

This has not been worked on in a while, Dean agrees to work with Kate (KA9MWT) to develop or revamp packet.

13) Awards Committee

Dean to transfer information on the Awards Committee to the new chair Mark (KB9VJQ).

14) Robert's Rules of Order

Bylaws state club is governed by Robert's Rules of Order, club does not currently have a copy. Dean made motion to purchase copy, second by Matt. Motion carried, one opposed, Joe.

15) Next Membership Meeting (Weather Training)

Skip (WD9HAS) has requested a downtown site for the meeting. We are unable to get Fortis site this year. Matt to see if new location in Mayfair is large enough. Board members requested to research other possible sites. Bob to contact Skip to see if he has ideas for meeting site.

16) Weather Reporting

Sullivan Weather office is requesting "center of city" reports this year. Some spotters have requested they do not wish to report using the new method. Board decided we need to support the weather office reporting methodology. Other area weather spotters are using the new reporting method. Board member to attend next Sullivan meeting if possible.

17) Echolink

Dean is preparing to test Echolink from his home. Control Ops need to know when this is going on, as does technical committee. Dean is planning on two-hour sessions for testing. To fully implement, club would need to purchase another UHF transmit radio. Dean's employer has agreed to host internet connectivity. Warren has requested a block diagram and/or schematic. Dean agreed to provide.

18) Weather Net Discussion

Board members have received questions about the criteria for the change in courtesy beep. For example, what does the "S" beep mean? 3 or more of our counties? What

counties do we use to determine range and coverage area? Are nets of appropriate length for our coverage area? Board agreed to invite Skip (WD9HAS) to next board meeting to discuss. General agreement of excellent weather reporting when severe weather comes around.

19) ARRL Renewal

Joe mentioned seeing renewal info for clubs on the ARRL website. Board members asked if it was worth renewing, what are the benefits to the club? Bob and Joe responded about positive feedback from vendors and swapfest attendees regarding seeing advertising in QST magazine. Brian to follow up with annual renewal paperwork with ARRL.

20) Membership Cards

Club members still receive discount from Batteries Plus. Matt to follow up on printing of membership cards, mentioned vistaprint.com for possible printing of cards.

21) M&I Bank Account

Brian has been reviewing types of accounts available at bank club currently has a Small Business Account. We may be able to switch to another account with lower fees or other benefits. Brian to review and report to board.

22) Generating more club revenue

Discussion on generating revenue for the club. Coffee cups, t-shirts, etc. Joe Suggesting looking at cafepress.com, they do small run items with logos. Possibility for raffle like the quilt. Brian to review and report at next meeting.

23) Financial Record Backup

Matt was concerned about having the financial records only in one place. Brian will keep a second copy of data off site.

24) Repeater Trustee

Napoleon (N0XXL) to change FCC information for the club call sign (WI9MRC) Trustee and Contact to be Warren (K9IZV).

25) Field Day

Some folks had trouble finding the site last year. Should we consider a new site? Some people liked the current site. Agreement that planning and preparation should start soon. Matt to review other locations, board to review before next meeting. Volunteers will be needed to help get the word out and prepare for the event.

26) Picnic Location

Board to look into new locations for the club picnic.

27) Christmas Party Location

Board to look into new locations for Christmas Party.

28) Swapfest

Bob and Joe are looking at new (lower cost) locations and putting new flyers together.

29) Responders Group

Warren presented a guide for people in the Responders Group. General discussion and recommendations on plan. Warren to review and update guide.

Next meeting to be at Bob's house, Franklin WI.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:52 PM CST.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Schwarz

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