

**Milwaukee Repeater Club
Board Meeting
September 4, 2004**

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

Attendees: Bob (AB9FB), Dean (KB7QDI), Joe (N9UX), Brian (K5GBW), Matt (KC9COY), Warren (K9IZV), Gary (N9MGJ), Don (WA9ERI), Eileen (KB9ZHV)

Meeting called to order at 1:22 PM by Bob (AB9FB)

President

Bob (AB9FB) asked about the appointment of Mark (KB9VJQ) as a control operator. Brian (K5GBW) made a motion to accept Mark as a control operator, seconded by Matt (KC9COY). Motion carries unopposed.

Bob (AB9FB) has not yet contacted Randy (KB9ZES) regarding his membership, he asked Brian to send the contact information to him.

Vice President

JOTA Event. Dean (KB7QDI) has received a request for help from a local scout group for help with the Jamboree On The Air October 17. No board member is able to make the event, so Dean will make a request on the public service net and at the next membership meeting to help find a volunteer.

Echolink. Dean has received requests on the Echolink Yahoo group from people who have heard about 91 testing Echolink, but who are not in the Milwaukee area. We may have to revisit the Echolink internet connection site due to changes at Dean's workplace.

Audio streaming test. Last week, Dean tested streaming the audio output of the repeater to the Internet. General consensus was the audio was good. This should be brought to the membership if we choose to pursue it.

Membership suspension. Members in suspension will be dropped from the roster as of October 31. Dean is looking into discounted printing of the roster.

Secretary

Joe (N9UX) mentioned the board meeting minutes have been sent to Gary (N9UUR) for publishing on the website.

Treasurer

Brian (K5GBW) asked about putting together the financial review committee for this year. Brian will recommend names to the board, who will need a unanimous approval

before they are chosen. Joe will send Brian a list of past committee members.

Dean (KB7QDI) asked about the budget for 2005. It was explained that the budget is prepared by the treasurer and presented to the membership at the January meeting.

Activities Manager

Matt (KC9COY) is looking for a larger place to hold the weather meeting in the future, to handle a larger group of people. Community centers, high schools, movie theaters, churches, park facilities were all proposed. The criteria is room for about 100 people, and being able to stay until approximately 11:00 PM. If you have a site in mind, please see if they fit the criteria, then give Matt the contact information.

New Business

Bob (AB9FB) asked about making the November meeting an official meeting. It is currently the swapfest wrapup, Bob (AB9FB) made a motion to make the November meeting an official meeting so we can do business. Second by Matt (KC9COY). Motion carries unopposed. This will require a newsletter to go out before the meeting.

Joe (N9UX) Asked about the VMA memorial library. Bob (AB9FB) said he would have the books purchased or ordered by the September 11 meeting.

Gary (N9MGJ) asked about the newsletter, is there a length limitation on the articles? Also, there is no way to contact Bob (AA9JW) for article submissions. It would also be nice to have the PO box listed on the masthead. Bob (AB9FB) said he would contact Bob (AA9JW) regarding the newsletter. There was also a question about what happens to the extra newsletters we print? It would be nice to have them at the meeting in case someone needs a copy.

Don (WA9ERI) gave an overview of the filing process for obtaining 501c3 status. He has helped several groups apply, and would be willing to help us. There is a one-time application fee of \$150 if proceeds are less than \$10,000 per year. It will also require the club to file a 990 form yearly. The bylaws may need revision to comply with the rules. If we have 501c3 status, we can accept gifts, and people can write them off on their taxes. Dean (KB7QDI) will bring this up at the Sept meeting, and propose going forward with this. Bob (AB9FB) will work with Don (WA9ERI) on the proposed bylaw changes.

Swapfest

Early setup will be available on Friday from Noon to 5 PM. We managed to be able to do this without any additional fees. The Borchardt family has again agreed to run the kitchen. Joe needs to talk to Mike (N9NPB) regarding a certificate from the health department. There will be vendor badges this year, and Gary (N9MGJ) would like to have a food cart available. Research on the 2005 fest site and dates is ongoing.

Dean mentioned the new radios have been purchased, the Technical committee will be putting them into service.

Warren (K9IZV) had some statistics, the average attendance at club events this year has been 43, in past years it has been 44.

Warren (K9IZV) also mentioned that people should check their listings on QRZ, some people have been posing as people to deface some of the information.

Gary (N9MGJ) talked about his program for the September meeting, titled "A nightmare revisited", about the 9/11 attacks, it will be a program based on the communications.

The October board meeting will be held at Matt's home.

Meeting adjourned at 3:44 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Joe Schwarz, N9UX

To Do List
(some carried over from last meeting)

Bob to contact Mark (KB9JVQ) regarding Awards committee to make sure he has all the information he needs.

Bob order/purchase VMA memorial library books

Bob to contact Bob (AA9JW) regarding the newsletter; address on masthead, additional November newsletter.

Bob to contact Randy KB9ZES regarding his membership.

Bob to contact Gary (N9UUR) regarding the board approval of new Control Operator.

Bob to review constitution, propose updates outlining the responsibilities additional: work with Don (WA9ERI) to determine changes needed for 501(c)3 status.

Brian send Bob (AB9FB) KB9ZES contact information

Brian send latest roster to Joe before Sep 11 Meeting

Brian to send board a list of possible Financial Review Committee members

Dean print some swapfest flyers, bring to Sep 11 meeting.

Joe send Brian a list of previous Financial Review Committee members

Joe to send Bob swapfest letter document.

Matt to schedule meetings for 2005