

Milwaukee Repeater Club
Board Meeting
Date: 10/19/2005

Location: Matt KC9COY

Attendees: Bob (AB9FB), Mark (kb9VJQ), Mike (K9MDJ), Tom (WI9TOM), Matt (KC9COY)
Tom (KC9DPR) Warren (K9IZV) Dean (KB7QDI) Mike (KC9ERG)

Meeting called to order at 7:01PM by AB9FB

President Bob (AB9FB)

Bob will need the roster and membership packet brought to the swapfest

Tom needs to check our insurance coverage to find out if we are covered for equipment loss.

The tower operator for main site has not yet said whether he will raise the rate for tower rental. We are currently paying \$450 for 3 months. His normal rate is \$2.25 per foot per month.

The Bank at 76th and Layton was brought up as a possible meeting place.

Vice President Mark (KB9VJQ)

Downtown site was struck by lightning and the antenna was destroyed. It was replaced with a Diamond X300A, an antenna with somewhat less gain than the old one, but more wind loading.

Other options are being explored for main site as a contingency if the rent becomes too much to stay there.

Mark has an operating control board for Echolink.

A spare radio was discussed as previous lightning strikes have resulted in delayed equipment failure. Mark may have enough spare equipment to build a portable site that could be swapped for one of our receive sites, or used in an emergency.

Secretary Mike (K9MDJ)

No new news.

Treasurer Tom (WI9TOM)

There are 173 members, plus 55 in suspension to be removed.

Financial report - \$9249.86 total funds, \$3095.31 in expendable funds. All bills are up to date.

Activities Manager Matt (KC9COY)

The Christmas party will be December 4th at 6:00PM. A hall will be reserved for the occasion.

Matt reminded everyone to check and respond to Board emails.

New Business

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Warren suggested changing the club call to one that would give an advantage in Field Day. He will bring this up at the membership meeting.

Dean KB7QDI said that Jeananne N9VSV took pictures from the downtown site, and one is posted on Amateur Radio Milwaukee.

He also asked permission to post the club newsletter on Amateur Radio Milwaukee, and suggested emailing the newsletter to other clubs for information sharing.

Adjourned 8:55PM By AB9FB

Respectfully submitted:

Michael D. JONES (K9MDJ)