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# MRC News

Operating the 146.91- repeater under the callsign W19MRC.

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## From the Prez

Greetings to all! Hope everyone had a nice Christmas and that the New Year will bring peace and contentment. It's been a very interesting year for my family and me. This being our first year as members of the MRC 91, I never imagined that when Warren snagged me at the Waukesha swap fest and wrestled 20 bucks out of me that it would be as interesting and fun as it has been. We have met so many interesting and nice people. TNX for the wrestling match Warren!

The club seems to be progressing in a positive direction and I'm looking forward to the new year as a proud MRC member.

P.S. TNX to past and present board members and the others who have helped me in so many ways.



WQ9A Bill

## Nominating Committee Report

The following club members have accepted nomination for the following offices:

President: (I) Bill Spellman, WQ9A.

Vice President: Ken Jaeger, KC9MXZ; Vince Morano, KB9ZOT; Rich Peters, KB9KYS; Rich Radmer, KC9PEL.

Secretary: Charles Grady, KC9IIV; Vince Morano, KB9ZOT; Jennie Post, KB9TNY; Rich Radmer, KC9PEL.

Treasurer: (I) James Langer, KC9NSU; Charles Grady, KC9IIV.

Activities Manager: (I) Mike Spellman, KC9LHG; Jon Campos, KC9IQO; Charles Grady, KC9IIV; Jon Gwaltney, W9AOL; Valerie Hotzfeld, KC9KIQ; Rich Radmer, KC9PEL.

Order of appearance is (I) (Incumbent (if any)) followed by last name sort.

Respectfully submitted:  
Warren Schall, K9IZV: Chair.  
Note: Additional nominations can be made from the floor on Election Night.

Thanks to the 28 people of the nominating committee for a job well done, trying to contact all our club members by phone or E-mail:

Wes Andersen, N9YE; Joe Bodeau, N9BJI; Buck Buchwald, K9RYW; Joe De Mott, WB9FUY; Kurt Elfers, N9DWG; Lloyd Gorsiski, WB9RGO; Jon Gwaltney, W9AOL; Mike Harris, KC9CMT; Brian Hechel, K5GBW; Jerry Heller, K9KCM; Pat Hoppe, WW9R; Valerie Hotzfeld, KC9KIQ; Kate Kedney, KA9MWT; Judy Krassman, KC9MMS; James Langer, KC9NSU; Diane LaVelle, KC9GJV; Roland Marks, KD9Y; Mike Mikecz, WS9I; Rex Nielson, W9CRQ; Wayne Peach, KC9OSY; Dean Pearson, KB9RCB; Bill Pulvermacher, KX9M; Rich Radmer, KC9PEL; Warren Schall, K9IZV; Jerry Schroeder, KB9WNT; Gregg Schulz, W9AWX; Bob Switlick, KC9JWZ; Van Vander Velden, WD9IES.

A reminder that your 2010 dues (\$20) must be paid to vote or hold office. If you don't mail your dues in by Jan 10, or pay at the WARAC Fest, please bring it to the meeting.

Lastly, advice to the candidates: your air-time activity from now until the election meeting may affect your chances, and if you don't show up at the meeting, you probably won't be elected. Good Luck!

## Committees

### Awards

Al KC9IJJ

### Computer Net

Gregg W9AWX

### Control Operators

Gary N9UUR

### Emer Operations & Training

Gary N9MGJ

### Fun Net

Warren K9IZV

### Historian

Warren K9IZV

### Librarian

Gary N9MGJ

### Membership Coord

Dean KB7QDI

### Net Announcements

#### Coordinator

Milan N9IDX

### Newsletter

Heidi N9TUY & Bob AA9JW

### Public Service

Kate KA9MWT

### Swapfest

Club Board

### Swap Net

Leroy WD9HOT

### Technical

Ken KC9MXZ

Mike K9MDJ

### Weather

Skip WD9HAS

### Webmaster

Gary N9UUR

### Webmaster (Assistant)

Donovan KC9FGJ

## Meeting Notice

Jan 20 (Wed) 7:00PM  
Business & Election  
Meeting,  
Waterstone Bank  
(Basement) 6560 S. 27<sup>th</sup>  
Street, Oak Creek

## 2010 Club Calendar

Tentative Dates  
January 20 (Wed) Meeting  
March 24 (Wed) Meeting  
May 19 (Wed) Meeting  
Sept. 15 (Wed) Meeting  
Nov. 17 (Wed) Meeting

## From the Treasurer

Christmas time already! I hope your holiday season is an enjoyable and memorable one. I have a week of vacation for the holidays with lots to do. It is time for me to wrap up things for 2009 and get ready for 2010. I hope that everyone has a great New Year and hope to see everyone at our election meeting. It will be January 20, 2010 at Waterstone Bank 6560 S. 27th street starting at 7 pm. If you would like to send your dues in for 2010 they will be \$20 as they were for 2009. To vote at our election meeting you will need to have your dues paid for 2010. If you want to send them in please do so prior to January 13, 2010. You may also pay at the meeting if you choose.

Don't forget about any last minute tax deductible contributions to our technical fund. We now have approximately \$1000 in our improvement fund. We have had our technical committee working very hard to get and keep our repeater in great working order. With that being said it would be very helpful to our technical committee to have the available funds necessary for expenses like antennas, radios, and batteries.

The technical committee is looking into purchasing the amplifier which was approved for purchase some time ago. When the purchase is made would most likely drain the improvement fund. Anyone interested in adding to the improvement fund please contact me [kc9nsu@arrl.net](mailto:kc9nsu@arrl.net) or send correspondence to Milwaukee Repeater Club, PO Box 2123, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

Also anyone wanting to order a club badge needs to contact me at [kc9nsu@arrl.net](mailto:kc9nsu@arrl.net) with your name as you want it to appear on your badge and your call sign. The badges are \$7.75 each and need to be paid for before I can order them. As of today I have 1 badge to order and need a few more to place an order. I also encourage you to contact me if any of your information has changed like call sign, email address, street address, phone number, or class of amateur license. Anyone wishing to send any dues or badge money may do so to the: Milwaukee Repeater Club, PO Box 2123, Milwaukee, WI 53201. Again, please feel free to contact me at anytime [kc9nsu@arrl.net](mailto:kc9nsu@arrl.net).

Thank you and 73,  
James J. Langer, KC9NSU  
MRC Treasurer

## Technical Report

Greetings from Ken Jaeger, KC9MXZ. As one of the Technical committee co-chairs, along with Mike Jones, K9MDJ I would like to report on the status of the repeater.

We have been experiencing occasional periods of very low audio on the repeater lately, which we are working on. As with most intermittent problems as soon I arrive at the main site the problem always seems to go away.

At the present time the Downtown site is off line, I hope that by the January meeting it will be back in service. We believe we are close to having the site working but please keep in mind that we, like most of you, have many obligations during this very busy time of year. Thank you for your patience.

Along those lines, if any of you are interested in joining the Technical committee you are welcome to contact me at [kc9mxz@arrl.net](mailto:kc9mxz@arrl.net) or 414-491-0686. If you don't feel you are qualified don't let that stop you, just a desire to help and to learn is needed.

I hope to see everyone at the MRC meeting.

73, Ken

## VOLUNTEER *GET A HOTEL ROOM*

SAGE Hospitality is offering specials for persons who volunteer 8 hours of service to a registered 501(c)3 non profit organization such as the MRC 146.91 repeater.

You could receive 50% off the published room rate and in some cases a complimentary night.

If you have helped with the repeater, such as worked the swapfest, helped maintain/repair the repeater, operated as net control, been a responder, or what ever, you are eligible.

To take advantage of this program simply go to [www.sagehospitality.com](http://www.sagehospitality.com). Then click on "specials", then click on "give a day, get a night".

Follow the instructions on the website. There are 53 Sage hotels across the country including one in Milwaukee. This offer is good until March 29, 2010.

Ken, KC9MXZ

## From the Activities Manager

I hope you all had a happy and prosperous 2009. I have only been the activities manager for a short time, but I have certainly enjoyed the position. I hope those of you who came to the Christmas party enjoyed our time together. It was an evening filled with great food and excellent conversation. It is always fun to meet our radio friends face to face. I am hoping to see many more of you joining us for next year. See you at the next meeting in January.

Mike KC9LHG



## Proposed Bylaw Change

There are a lot of reasons to create a set of bylaws - just as many to change one. In my opinion, a change is necessary.

The heart of this issue is what was done, but first I want to give you what "can" be done. Any person can recommend to the board that a member in SUSPENDED status be changed to NO CHARGE. In effect, that person, who hasn't paid their dues for the current year, can become a FREE member of this club, with the same rights as a paid member. (NOTE: HONORARY is a sugar-coating of the term NO CHARGE. FREE is the definition of NO CHARGE.)

This year, an attempt was made to have three suspended members changed to NO CHARGE. What do all three have in common? They were all responders.

True membership has to have value. We don't restrict people using the repeater to members only, but when they become dues-paying members, they get the privilege to vote, hold office and know that the money they paid helps keep a great repeater running. By making this by-laws change, we add value to our club.

First, it creates an HONORARY member status. It can be given to those that

embody the best that this club represents. It should never be used lightly, and in the end, any person who gets nominated should cherish the fact that they were approved by the large majority of the club members themselves.

Second, and arguably the most important, it gives the power to the members. Not the individual... not the board... the members of the club. The purpose of the board is to follow the path of its membership. If the club wants a Christmas Party, it is the job of the board to allocate resources and have a Christmas Party. Need to repair or replace equipment? Then the board has to make sure that gets done. With the exception of a true emergency (which I hope never happens), every major decision for the club deserves to go through the membership. You, as a member, have the right to be able to have a say, and vote, on the clubs direction.

I encourage you to read the current and proposed by-laws change. Read it twice. Understand it, and ask yourself if it benefits the club in the end. And, I hope you can make it to the next meeting and tell us how you feel about it.

Until next time,  
73 de Dean KB7QDI

## Proposed Bylaw Change

At our October meeting, a bylaw proposal was submitted which can be added to our bylaws at our January meeting, if it is published in this newsletter. (See page 4)

I do not agree with this bylaw proposal. It targets two people with verbage that is not needed. KB9ECA is one. He now lives in Florida and has never been a member of 91. KA6VNN is the other. We have considered him an Honorary member since 2002. His license expired on 09-02-07, so according to our bylaws, he cannot be a club member. Let's send him a free newsletter like we do for two other individuals.

Here is a bylaw addition we should do: "Specific Amateur Operators may be limited in their use of our repeater by appropriate club action." Add that to Article X before the last sentence. It goes along with our "Control Operator's

Charter" found on our web site.

Here is another one that I brought up at Tuesday food (Johnny V's) on 12-15-09: Change Article I to have FOUR member classes instead of THREE. Add DISABLED/RETIRED as a new class of members. "DISABLED/RETIRED is a class of membership that may be applied for when joining or renewing membership status in our club. This class conveys full membership privlidges. The club may require documentation from the applicant." In Article V: Have \$20 dues for PAID members when joining between January 1 and June 30, and renewing PAID members. Have \$10 dues for DISABLED/RETIRED members and PAID members when joining on or after July 1 thru December 31 of each year.

Respectfully submitted:  
Warren Schall, K9IZV

Christmas Party photos by Charlie KC9CEQ available at <http://www.putpic.com/gallery/4269/2741413>



**ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP (Current)**

Section 1: The corporation is to have three classes of members: PAID, NO CHARGE, and IN SUSPENSION; however, all members shall be licensed Amateur Radio Operators. PAID members shall be those whose annual dues are properly paid up to date. NO CHARGE members are by heritage or law (family) related to a paid member and residing at the same address as that paid member, or members not removed from the membership roles per Article V. Members IN SUSPENSION are PAID members whose dues are not up to date, or NO CHARGE members associated with a PAID member whose dues is not up to date. Only PAID and NO CHARGE members may hold office or have voting rights. Members IN SUSPENSION may be removed from the membership rolls seven and onehalf months after the Annual Meeting, per Article V. Any applications for membership shall be submitted at any meeting and each applicant must express a willingness to abide by the Constitution and such rules from time to time be promulgated by the corporation. Twothirds of those present must approve the applicant and his dues shall be paid before he shall be considered a member.

Candidates for membership to the Milwaukee Repeater Club, whose membership is rejected, shall not be considered for membership again until one year has elapsed from the date of the rejected membership.

Section 2: The Milwaukee Repeater Club, Inc. is organized exclusively for the charitable, scientific, literacy, or educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501c(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code (hereinafter "Internal Revenue Code").

Section 3: Upon the dissolution of the Milwaukee Repeater Club, Inc., after paying or adequately providing for all debts and obligations of the Milwaukee Repeater Club, Inc., the remaining assets shall be distributed to one or more nonprofit funds, foundations or organizations that have established for taxexempt status under Section 501c(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP (Proposed)**

Section 1: The corporation is to have four classes of members: PAID, NO CHARGE, IN SUSPENSION, and HONORARY; however, all members shall be licensed Amateur Radio Operators.

1. PAID members shall be those whose annual dues are properly paid up to date.
2. NO CHARGE members are by heritage or law (family) related to a paid member and residing at the same address as that paid member.
3. Members IN SUSPENSION are PAID members whose dues are not up to date, or NO CHARGE members associated with a PAID member whose dues is not up to date.
4. HONORARY members are eligible for all the benefits of membership EXCEPT they may not hold office or have voting rights.

Section 2: Only PAID and NO CHARGE members may hold office or have voting rights.

Members IN SUSPENSION may be removed from the membership rolls by the board seven and onehalf months after the Annual Meeting, per Article V.

Section 3: Applications for PAID and NO CHARGE membership shall be submitted at any meeting and each applicant must express a willingness to abide by the Constitution and such rules from time to time be promulgated by the Organization. Twothirds of those present must approve the applicant and his dues shall be paid before he shall be considered a member.

HONORARY members are nominated by the board, and confirmed by a Two thirds majority of those present at any membership meeting.

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Section 4: A member may be removed from the rolls by a Two-thirds vote of the members present at two consecutive meetings.

Section 5: The Milwaukee Repeater Club, Inc. is organized exclusively for the charitable, scientific, literacy, or educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501c(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code (hereinafter "Internal Revenue Code").

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## Membership Meeting Minutes

10/14/2009 Meeting came to order at 7:08 PM by Bill WQ9A

New members: Judy KC9MMS, Michael KC9KRN, Phillip N9PK, W9AOL Jon and Jenny KC9TNY. Motion made to accept by Milan N9IDX, seconded by Mike K9MDJ. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter by Len K9LJ, seconded by Wayne KC9OSY. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made to accept the financial report as read by John KC9FMC, seconded by Ken KC9MXZ. Motion carried unanimously.

Technical committee remarks: Downtown site radio and backup battery was replaced on 10/13/009 and the site is back up and running. The old Henry amp is currently for sale on Ebay – monies to be used to help purchase new amp.

Also remarked that several people have been helping with finding the jammers, and progress has been made. Discussion to make sure to address this with Official Observers and the FCC.

Swapfest remarks: Request for volunteers for Friday night (after 9 PM) and Saturday morning. Application to renew the raffle license has been submitted. Request also made for purchased tables.

Old business: Proposed bylaw change made by Mike K9MDJ, seconded by Wayne KC9OSY. Motion passed – Warren K9IZV voted NAY. Proposed changes to be sent to the next newsletter, then voted on by the membership.

New business: Christmas Party is December 5th at the Pablocki Building. Membership roster will be available after November 1st. Canopy has been donated by Wayne KC9OSY. Motion made to move the swapfest back to the 1st Saturday in November (if available) by James KC9NSU, seconded by John KC9FMC. Motion carried unanimously. Miller Ride for the Arts is asking permission to use the repeater for their event. Field Day 2009 t-shirts still available.

Motion to adjourn at 8:18 PM made by Gregg W9AWX, seconded by Ken KC9MXZ. Motion carried unanimously.

MRC Special Election Meeting Minutes 10/14/2009. Meeting came to order at 8:25 PM by Mike K9MDJ  
NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT: Bill WQ9A No other nominations on the floor – voice vote – unanimously approved.  
NOMINATIONS FOR ACTIVIES MANAGER: Michael KC9LHG No other nominations on the floor – voice vote – unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM made by Dean KB7QDI, seconded by Milan N9IDX. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Dean Hoover KB7QDI

## Open Board Meeting

11/18/2009

Location: WaterStone Bank (Basement), 6560 South 27th Street, Oak Creek, WI

Attendees: William Spellman III --President --(WQ9A)  
Ken Jaeger (KC9MXZ) John Smith--Vice President--(KC9FMC) Joe Schwarz (N9UX) David Waltemath (KC9HJV) Cynthia Waltemath--Secretary (KC9HJU) Jackie Spellman (N9MDY) Mike Spellman Activities Manager ( KC9LHG) Matt Moog (KC9COY) James Langer--Treasurer--(KC9NSU) Warren Schall ( K9IZV)

Meeting called to order at 7:11pm by William Spellman III (WQ9A)

**President:** William Spellman III (WQ9A) No Report

**Vice President:** John Smith (KC9FMC) No Report

**Secretary:** Cynthia Waltemath (KC9HJU) No Report

**Treasurer:** James Langer ( KC9NSU)  
Tentative Membership Meeting Dates for 2010,  
January 20th, March 24th, May 19th, July 21st, September 15th, November 17th  
James (KC9NSU) will be looking into availability of the room for an October meeting.

**Activities Manager:** Mike Spellman (KC9LHG)  
MRC Christmas Party \*\*\* Bring a dish to pass\*\*\*  
Date: Saturday, December 5th 2009  
Time: 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm  
Location: Zablocki Park Pavilion, 3717 West Howard Av, Milwaukee, WI

**Swap Fest Committee:** Matt Moog (KC9COY)  
Total Income: \$4,930.00; Total Expenses: \$2,860.85;  
PROFIT: \$2,069.15; Approximately 55 Tables Sold;  
Approximately 360 Raffle Tickets Sold;  
Approximately 400 Admission Tickets Sold

**Technical Committee:** Ken Jaeger ( KC9MXZ)  
Henry Amplifier Sold on E - bay  
Price Sold was \$409.99  
E bay Fee \$21.19 Paypal Fee \$12.19 Shipping Charges \$28.00  
Final Profit to the Club \$348.61

**Meeting Adjourned** \_ 9:00 pm by \_ William Spellman III (WQ9A)

Respectfully Submitted:  
Cynthia Waltemath (KC9HJU)

Milwaukee Repeater Club Membership Application

Type of Application?  New Member  Renewal

Type of Membership?  Individual  Family

(If Family: Please list the names, calls and other pertinent information on any family members living at the same address who are Hams and desire to become MRC members. The \$20.00 dues payment covers an entire family for MRC membership.)

NAME(s) \_\_\_\_\_ CALL SIGN(s) \_\_\_\_\_

NAME(s) YOU USE ON THE AIR \_\_\_\_\_

STREET \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

CELL (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH DATE (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS OF LICENSE \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE NOTE! If there is ANY personal information that you DO NOT wish to be published into the club roster, please note it on this form.

EMAIL ADDRESS (for newsletter notification) \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if you would you like the Club Newsletter delivered by \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail (free of charge) or \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Mail (additional \$5 per year)?

Are you currently an ARRL member? YES  NO

DUES:

NEW MEMBERS - January thru December \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NEW MEMBERS – After July 1 \$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

ANNUAL RENEWAL - \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NEWSLETTER POSTAGE ASSESSMENT - \$5.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MRC COFFEE MUG # OF CUPS \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MRC NAMETAG w/MRC LOGO \$ OF NAMETAGS \_\_\_\_\_ x \$7.75 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

DONATION TO MRC CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND (tax deductible) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send check payable to 'Milwaukee Repeater Club' at the address below:

THE MILWAUKEE REPEATER CLUB, INC.

P.O. BOX 2123

MILWAUKEE, WI 53201

I hereby agree to abide by the Constitution, by-laws and rules of the Milwaukee Repeater Club.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Your membership will be voted on at the next membership meeting once the application is received.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE MILWAUKEE REPEATER CLUB!