



March - 2000

Officers

Operating the 146.91- repeater
under the callsign K9IZV.
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President	Mike Borchardt	N9NPB	367-3953
Vice Pres	Mike Zore	KB9PHA	258-4435
Secretary	Ron Henry	N9KWW	786-7512
Treasurer	Gary Bargholz	N9UUR	355-6922
Activities Manager	Sally Stanton	KB9LSP	774-6252

MEETINGS NOTICE

March 18 (Sat) 6:00pm--Severe Weather Training at the Oak Creek location.

2000 CLUB CALENDAR

- May 25 (Thurs)** at Mayfair location.
- July 27 (Thurs)** at Mayfair location.
- August 6 (Sun)** The MRC annual picnic is scheduled at Hoyt Park picnic area 2. The time, directions, etc. will be announced closer to the date. The site is located near the Hoyt Park swimming pool for those who want to bring families.
- Sept. 9 (Sat)** at Oak Creek location.
- Oct. 26 (Thurs)** at Mayfair location.
- Nov. 22 (Weds)** at Mayfair location.
- Dec. 16 (Sat)** at Mayfair location.

Board Meeting 2nd Monday of month, 7pm, Inquire for location.

Oak Creek Location

Wauwatosa Savings (Basement)
6560 S. 27th St
Oak Creek, WI

Mayfair Location

Mayfair Mall Location (Room G-110, See Below)
2500 N. Mayfair Rd
Wauwatosa, WI
Community Room #G-110
Park on the east side of the mall in the center. Enter the mall and go to the center of it. Turn right and go north to the next east bound aisle. Turn right and

go east. Look up to see the sign for GARDEN SUITES EAST. On the left, go thru the door below the sign. Take the elevator or stairs to the level below. Swing around left and go down the long hall. At the end of the hall find room G-110.

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hey! I think we had fun at the election meeting. I wanted to try to spruce things up a little during the ballot counting to pass the time a little quicker. I had fun and I hope you did too. For those who didn't attend, you missed a good evening. The Board changed a little with a new member. Warren K9IZV was our 1999 Secretary, but didn't run for office this year. Ron N9KWW, our past Activities Manager, won the Secretary position, and Sally KB9LSP is our new Activities Manager. Congratulations, Sally and thank you, Warren for the fine job you did.

We will have had two Board meetings by the time the Membership meeting comes around. One of the topics we reviewed was the great deal of involvement it takes to put on a successful Swap Fest. Last year we did almost all the preparation for the Fest because of the changes that were made. Now that the foundation is laid, we will be banging on your doors and calling on you to help with the prep work. There is going to be plenty of it. If you wish to volunteer before we ask, E-mail - call - or contact me via radio. (you know the frequency). The March meeting will once again prepare us for the upcoming storms this summer, with excellent video of tornados and

lightening, as well as proper procedures for reporting information. I urge all new members to attend. This is an excellent opportunity to get acquainted with things you need to know. The schedule is out for all the meeting dates and times, both Membership and Board meetings. As it was in the past, all Board meetings are open to the membership and minutes will be printed in the newsletter. As a reminder to all, our doors are open for comments and suggestions by the membership. We take great strides in caring for the members, from the refreshments we have at the meetings, to keeping you informed of the changes we make with the repeater. If you don't tell us your thoughts, we can't act on them.

GET INVOLVED, be a net control. We have four nets per week not including special weather nets. We can always use help with ---Thursday Computer Net, Gary N9UUR Net Manager. --- Saturday Fun Net, Warren K9IZV Net Manager.--- Sunday Public Information Net, Kate KA9MWT Net Manager,--- and Sunday Swap Net, Lloyd WB9RGO Net Manager. The Saturday night Fun Net is a great place to start. Learning the skills to be Net Control sometimes pay off in the future when other radio related events happen. Contact Warren K9IZV and he will gladly help you get started. It's so easy, you can do it from home.

For the first time in the history of this club, we are required to sign a lease with the tower management of which our main transmitter is located. During negotiations, it is quite clear our tower fee is going to triple. Because of this increase, we discussed the options given to us at the last Membership meeting. There was a proposed amendment to our

Committees

Activities	Ron	N9KWW
Computer Net	Gary	N9UUR
Fun Net	Warren	K9IZV
Membership Coord.	Kate	KA9MWT
Net Announcements Coord	Deb	KB9ISE
Newsletter	Heidi N9TUY & Bob AA9JW	
Public Service	Kate	KA9MWT

Station Trustee	Warren Schall	K9IZV
Swapfest	Board	
Swap Net	Lloyd	WB9RGO
Technical	Mike Borchardt	N9NPB
Weather	Skip	WD9HAS
Webmaster	Open	
Assistant - Webmaster	Rick	WD9IWK

by-laws discussed, and it is posted in this newsletter.

I wish to thank everyone who supported me last year and re-elected me this year for a second term as President. I will continue to do my very best to make the club even better.

Thank You,
Mike N9NPB
President

FROM THE ACTIVITIES MANAGER

Dear MRC Members,

Your Activities Manager would like to hear what kind of speakers or events you would like at general meetings, and what other kinds of club activities you would enjoy. I can't promise what we will end up doing, but your ideas and input will help in planning. Please e-mail your response to these three questions to:
sally@sterlingtech.net

Questions:

- 1) What speaker or program would you enjoy having at a general meeting this year?
- 2) Besides the annual picnic and Christmas party, what other group activity would you like to see organized this year by MRC?
- 3) Are you willing to help me make the arrangements for a particular speaker, program or event you mentioned above? If so, please provide a phone number or e-mail address where I can contact you.

If you do not have e-mail, please take a moment to respond in writing to me:

Sally Stanton
5724 W. Vliet Street Apt 1
Milwaukee, WI 53208

Thanks very much for helping to make MRC even better than it already is.

Sally Stanton, KB9LSP
MRC Activities Manager

MRC AT SUPERFEST

Finally, anyone willing to staff the MRC table at the AES Superfest on the afternoon of Friday April 7th and anytime during the day on Saturday the 8th, please contact Sally at 774-6252, or e-mail to sallyann@uwm.edu. It's fun! Spend a couple hours talking to other

hams and promoting our great club!

Thanks very much & 73,
Sally KB9LSP

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE

As presented to me, Mike N9NPB, by Warren K9IZV, to be posted in the March newsletter, the proposed By-law change reads as follows:

I propose to amend the MRC constitution to raise dues starting in the year 2001 to \$15.00 (from \$12.00).

Warren Schall K9IZV
1-22-00 19:56

MRC MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 20, 2000

WLS:K9IZV

Meeting start 18:37

Location Wauwatosa Savings in Oak Creek

- 1) The meeting was called to order by President Mike Borchardt N9NPB. Self introductions were done of all the people present.
- 2) N9NPB read a list of the new member applicants as follows: KB9VLL Dan Albert, N9RTM Erich Berman, KB9VJN Mark Borski, KB9VMA Don Broeske, KB9LDW Jackie Bye, KB9LDX Mark Bye, KB9VPZ Gordy Cowdy, KB9SFD Mark Czerwinski, W9MOT Ken Eggert, N9URZ Dave Erchul, KB9MCU Ken Harris, KB9NCB Christine Jansen, N9KWV Ray Jones, WD9ING Bob Zalewski, KB9TZO Mike Kostuch, KB9VQA Jason Marshburn, KB9TPB Chris Moberly, KB9EWG Dave Peters, KG9MJ Dean Schober, W9PJW Peter Walter, KB9RGD Brian Williams, KB9VGC Mark Zuvich, KB9VQU John Skinner, KB9VQT Andrew Skinner. Warren Schall K9IZV corrected the call sign of KB9NCB from KB9MCB. (K9IZV: Also WD9ING last name begins with a Z, not a K.) The count is 24. Karen Borchardt KB9PZQ moved to admit the above to membership. Brad Reeves N9KXA seconded to motion. The motion passed unopposed.
- 3) Treasurer Gary Bargholtz N9UUR said there was a quorum with 35 people present and a renewed membership of 137. This is greater than the 10 per cent requirement.
- 4) Activities Manager Ron Henry

N9KWW said the Christmas party on 12-4-99 was a huge success with great pot luck food, fun and singing.

5) The newsletter published membership meeting and board meeting minutes had some minor corrections. Al Lederman N9RXD moved to approve them and Ron Terry N9VGI seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

6) N9UUR thanked the financial review committee for their speedy and efficient review session of January 11, 2000, for the 1999 financial records. The committee consisted of Jack Hughes W9ULA (Chair), Bob Manak AA9JW, Mike Malloy N9WJV, Dean Pearson KB9RCB, and John Fritsch N9WBM.

7) W9ULA read his written report of the committee's work. It certified that the examined financial documents represent a true and accurate record of the income and expenditures of the Milwaukee Repeater Club, Inc.

8) N9UUR continued with his annual treasurer's report. He said income was \$10,926 coming from dues, the capital improvement fund, and our swapfest Expo. Expenses were \$10,915 for a net gain of \$11.

9) N9UUR presented the Board of Directors balanced budget proposal for the year 2000. It calls for \$8,900 income and expenses, with an asterisk (*) amount for Computer Expo income and Advertising expenses. That gives us the option of selling Computer booths and using an equal amount for media advertising. Paul (Skip) Kastner WD9HRE moved to adopt the proposed budget and Brian White KB9LCQ seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

10) N9NPB reported on the technical status. In recent times approximately \$16,000 has been spent upgrading the repeater and only \$7,100 in maintaining it. Last year the maintenance was only \$548, consisting of two Southeast site antennas (lightning destroyed) and a radio repair. Northeast will get a new UHF link transmitter radio, while the current one will be sent in for repair.

11) N9NPB reported on the main site tower first-ever lease proposal. The lease proposes we keep the site building clean and raises our tower rent by \$100 per month to \$150. This rate would be fixed for 1 year and adjustable monthly after that. They also are offering to reduce the amount to an increase of only \$25 per

month (to \$75 total) if we would snow plow the long access road and cut the weeds along the road and along the 3 strips from the tower to the six guy wire anchors. The tower has 40 other users and their standard rate is \$1.25 per foot of elevation per month. (Our standard rate would be \$437.50 on that basis.) A quick calculation indicated the increased rent would be \$3 per person. A dues increase would require a bylaw amendment, not possible until the next membership meeting in March. N9NPB asked the people present if anybody could snow plow or cut the weeds. Each answer was no. Insurance liability was questioned. K9IZV moved to raise dues \$3 to \$15 annually (at the next meeting) to cover the increased tower rent and empower the board to look into snow plowing or weed cutting or pay the \$150 per month rent. Will Lorenz W9ZOL seconded the motion. After discussion, all but one voted against and the motion was defeated.

12) The meeting was interrupted at 19:54 for coffee, soda, and donuts. It resumed at 20:18.

13) KB9RCB mentioned the the bylaws allow a financial assessment to be levied on the membership. K9IZV said it had never been done and was a bad idea. K9IZV wrote a donation check for \$900 to cover the tower rent increase for the year 2000 and to eliminate the need for an assessment and keep the budget balanced. K9IZV moved to empower the board to negotiate with the tower management people to pay \$150 per month or less depending on our services to them, not to include snow plowing or weed cutting. The motion was seconded by Jeananne Bargholz N9VSV and passed unopposed. KB9LCQ moved and then recinded to empower the board to levy a \$3 maximum assessment on the membership. KB9RCB moved and then recinded to reconsider the budget approval. Brad Reeves N9KXA pointed out the the calculations were in error, and there would still be a budget shortfall this year on the tower rent question. K9IZV wrote another donation check for \$300 to cover the shortfall.

14) N9NPB asked for new business. K9IZV submitted a bylaw amendment to raise dues by \$3 per year. N9UUR submitted a bylaw amendment to remove the dues fixed number from the bylaws, allowing the membership to determine it

each year.

15) N9NPB turned the meeting over to N9WBM to run the annual officer elections.

16) N9WBM explained the election process and introduced the election committee: Deb Schall KB9ISE, Karen Borchardt KB9PZQ, and Karen Knapp N9GNG.

A) President:

Nominated previously:

N9NPB: present & spoke

N9UUR: declined

KB9PHA: present & spoke

Nominated from the floor:

Jeananne Bargholz N9VSV declined

Ballot 1

Total ballots 46, Half = 23

Number of votes to elect 24

Mike Borchardt N9NPB 38 Elected

Mike Zore KB9PHA 7

Gary Bargholz N9UUR 1

B) Vice President:

Nominated previously:

KB9PHA: present & spoke

N9UUR: declined

N9NPB: elected above

KB9TPT: absent

KB9UOF: absent

KB9QMH: absent

KB9SQT: present & spoke

WB9DHF: present & spoke

Nominated from the floor:

Kate Kedney KA9MWT declined

Burt Steingraeber N9VBI declined

Ballot 1

Total ballots 46, Half = 23

Number of votes to elect 24

Mike Zore KB9PHA 21 Runoff

Will Lorenz W9ZOL 13 Runoff

Michael Varga WB9DHF 5

Scott Ladwig KB9SQT 4

Mike Castor KB9TPT 1

Jeff Strubel KB9UOF 1

Mike Weidel KB9QMH 1

Ballot 2

Total ballots 46, Half = 23

Number of votes to elect 24

Mike Zore KB9PHA 24 Elected

Will Lorenz W9ZOL 22

C) Secretary:

Nominated previously:

N9KWW: present & spoke

KB9SQT: present & spoke

KB9RLB: present & spoke

Chad Nelson KF9RU: absent

Karen Knapp N9GNG: declined/health

Nominated from the floor: NONE

Ballot 1

Total ballots 46, Half = 23

Number of votes to elect 24

Ron Henry N9KWW 18 Runoff

Tom Schulte KB9RLB 17 Runoff

Scott Ladwig KB9SQT 11

Ballot 2

Total ballots 45, Half = 22.5

Number of votes to elect 23

Ron Henry N9KWW 24 Elected

Tom Schulte KB9RLB 21

D) Treasurer:

Nominated previously:

N9UUR: present & spoke

KB9UOF: absent

Nominated from the floor:

Jackie Bye KB9LDW declined

Warren Schall K9IZV declined

Burt Steingraeber N9VBI declined

Ballot 1

Total ballots 44, Half = 22

Number of votes to elect 23

Gary Bargholz N9UUR 41 Elected

Jeff Strubel KB9UOF 2

Ron Terry N9VGI 1 Write-in

E) Activities Manager:

Nominated previously:

N9KWW: elected above

KB9LSP: present & spoke

KB9SQT: present & spoke

KB9UOF: absent

Nominated from the floor:

Jackie Bye KB9LDW declined

Warren Schall K9IZV declined

Burt Steingraeber N9VBI declined

Ballot 1

Total ballots 45, Half = 22.5

Number of votes to elect 23 ?

Sally Stanton KB9LSP 23 Runoff ?

Scott Ladwig KB9SQT 20 Runoff

Jeff Strubel KB9UOF 1

Ron Terry N9VGI 1 Write-in

Ballot 2

Total ballots 44, Half = 22

Number of votes to elect 23

Sally Stanton KB9LSP 27 Elected

Scott Ladwig KB9SQT 17

Election summary: President N9NPB,

Vice-president KB9PHA, Secretary

N9KWW, Treasurer N9UUR, Activities Manager KB9LSP.

KA9MWT moved to close the elections. N9VGI seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

17) N9NPB presented a plaque to K9IZV, who has served in all offices. The inscription reads: FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO THE MILWAUKEE REPEATER CLUB AND THE ACHIEVEMENTS MADE WITHIN, WE THE MEMBERS PRESENT THIS AWARD TO WARREN L. SCHALL (K9IZV) IN RECOGNITION AND SINCERE GRATITUDE. JANUARY 22, 2000

18) K9IZV as outgoing secretary, asked permission to keep the accumulated club records a little longer to make sure they are complete and make meeting attendance computer files for years not yet done. N9NPB said OK.

19) Gary Pierce N9LGE moved to adjourn and N9GNG seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed. Adjournment was at 22:04.

PARTICIPANTS 49:

W9ATK WB9DHF KG9EH
WB9FUY N9GNG NK9H
N9HIP WD9HRE KB9ISE
K9IZV AA9JW N9KWW
N9KXA KB9LCQ KB9LDW
KB9LDX N9LGE KB9LSP
KA9MWT WK9N N9NPB
KB9PHA KB9PZQ N9QIT
KB9RCA KB9RCB KB9RLB
N9RXD KB9SAO KB9SQT
KB9SXF KB9TZO W9ULA
N9UUR N9VBI N9VGI
KB9VJN KB9VMA KB9VPZ
KB9VQT KB9VQU N9VSV
NE9W N9WBM N9WJV
W9ZOL N9ZWE N9ZWJ
N9ZXS

MRC BOARD MEETING SUMMARY JAN. 10, 2000

WLS:K9IZV.

Meeting start 19:30.

Location: QTH of N9UUR

Present: N9NPB, KB9PHA, K9IZV, N9UUR, N9KWW, WD9HRE

1) N9NPB presented a proposed main tower site lease from Forsite Management Group, Suite 112, 2511 W. Schaumburg Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60194 847-253-0500 and/or Flipco, Phil

Froemming, 658 Aspenwood Ct. Milwaukee, WI 53217, KB9PHA

suggests a counter proposal.

2) N9KWW says the March meeting is the third Saturday in March at Oak Creek with a weather program. Mayfair locations on Thursdays in May, July, and October. Also Mayfair Wednesday in November.

3) KA9MWT was looking for a 4X fest t-shirt. It was sold.

4) N9UUR reports on finances and says dues money comes in advance quite often, and we are not on an accrual accounting system which keeps money in the year where it belongs.

5) N9UUR is mailing current newsletters to new members.

6) WD9HRE reports of ARRL affiliation. Our benefits are Insurance for members and cash money for new and renewing ARRL members. We would need 51% of our members to be ARRL members. We would be suspended from affiliation if less than 51% for 4 years. This is a long term project.

7) WD9HRE had an emergency communications preamble ready for Y2K new year's eve, and is encouraged to polish and revise it. Anybody can grab 91 for emergency communications. Any board member or control operator should offer approval and/or assistance.

8) The March weather meeting program has been running long. WD9HRE will work with WD9HAS to help condense the program.

9) The Fun net is real training.

10) K9IZV will have pre-printed Red Name Tags for the annual meeting for credentialing paid members as voters. (He did.)

11) N9WBM will be election chair again. It would be nice to have activities to do while counting ballots.

12) N9UUR suggests we have a 91 banner for fests we attend.

13) KB9PHA to get bylaw text to K9IZV, etc. (It happened.)

14) Financial Review committee is scheduled to meet the day following this meeting. (It did.)

15) KB9PHA offers to be web master. Several people are under consideration. N9UUR put a fix on our broken web site. He changed one file from .HTM to .HTML.

16) K9IZV tests the repeater most mornings with the transmitter shut off, and announces that fact when the test is

over and the transmitter is back on.
17) Adjourn 21:57.

MRC BOARD MEETING SUMMARY FEB. 7, 2000

Meeting start: 7:25 PM

Present: N9NPB, N9UUR, KB9PHA, KB9LSP, K9IZV.

1. Activities director will set further Board meeting sites and times.
 2. Viewed web sites created by KB9OVC and N9UUR to select new web master. Tabled .
 3. Lease for tower, expecting new lease agreement in mail, will review and submit changes to terms back. Concerns: After 1 year, 30 day termination and possible unlimited rent increase. 1 year renewal reverts to month to month. Table until new lease arrives
 4. Looking for more member volunteers for projects such as advertising flyer preparation, expo vendors, etc.
 5. KB9PHA to produce current by-laws and submit with new revisions/ proposals, etc.
 6. Activities Director to look into dates for picnic and other activities. Will survey members as to preferences.
 7. Computer/Amateur Radio Expo: receiving input from vendors, propose to move to north hall, contact vendors with new lay-out within next 30 days. Raffle: apply ASAP for license (class A) to provide advanced sale of tickets. Propose "pick a prize" prizes to be worth about \$700.00. Prize list to be announced at a later date. Possible prize choices are a new computer, ham radio, etc. Prize list to include items for hams and non-hams.
 8. KB9PHA moves Treasurer to disburse funds up to the amount listed in the 2000 budget as he deems necessary. Seconded by N9NPB, unanimous.
 9. Activities coffee fund, moved excess (\$42.50) to capital improvement fund, balance \$50.85.
- Adjourned: 1029 PM
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- ## NEWSLETTER
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- Send articles, reports, comments, suggestions and corrections to Bob AA9JW or Heidi N9TUY Manak (N28 W22173 Burningwood Lane, Waukesha, WI 53186; ☎ 262 544-6151) or Internet Email rmanak@execpc.com