

The September 2016 Membership Meeting of the Wisconsin Valley Radio Association was held on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at Rasmussen College. President Joe Schoebel, KD9CJX was absent. Vice President Michael Martens, KB9VBR, called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

In attendance

Treasurer's Report – Wendy, KC9VIO

- Savings = \$564.66
- Checking = \$1961.72
- Total = \$2147.09
- Waiting for
- FOX Tower rent check to clear
- Refund of Parks department deposit for Field Day at Sunnt=yvale park
- See attached for details
- Approved

Secretary's Report – Bob, WB9RND

- To be distributed later

ARES / RACES Report – Michael, KB9VBR

- Next meeting on 9/26, 7p at State Patrol HQ
- SET Planning for Oct 2
- ARES/RACES Conference Registration is open

Old Business

- Wausau Marathon
- Quiet event, occasional rain, faster pace than expected
- Recorded first-runner times to aid in setting Water Station times for next year
- Comments still welcomed
- Will send Thank You to Wausau Events for allowing WVRA to participate
- Repeaters
- 444.425 now up and on battery back-up
- Merrill not linked yet
- Other links pending
- Received a letter of appreciation for the W9SM-7 Packet node returning to service
- See attached from Wayne, WD9FLI
- Club apparel
- Tabled until the September meeting

New Business

- Web site
- KB9VBR is doing updates
- Forward adjustments, corrections, broken links etc.
- Considering discontinuing email forwarding
- Will eventually post meeting minutes
- Colby Hamfest, Sat, Oct 8
- Calendar

- Still looking for vintage photos, due in about two weeks
- Possible 5k/10k run/walk on Oct 8
- Fund raiser for local Honor Flights
- Might not want Ham support
- WVRA could have an info booth
- HF Net, 9/22, 8p CT
- 3932.5 LSB
- Run by Tom, KC9UDA
- Will post on Facebook and website
- Wednesday night WVRA Net
- Net Control Ops needed
- Play ARRL Audio News from previous Thursday
- RANE Report becoming more like memoriums than news
 - Saturday, 9/10, 12n
 - FOX Repeater site work day
 - Install UPS, clean up debris, secure cabling
 - Some AC work still to be done
 - Antigo area repeaters
 - Langlade County club became inactive
 - Didn't renew FCC license
 - WVRA would not increase liability to cover the extra equipment
 - No tower rent to pay
 - WVRA Board accepted ownership, now licensed as W9SM
 - Repeaters are on a cell tower and a State Patrol tower
 - Antigo: 145.310, 114.8
 - Lily: 147.255, 114.8
 - Older, but reliable equipment
 - Covers into Forest, Oconto, Marinette counties
 - Waiting for W.A.R. coordination before making public announcement

Motion to adjourn, 7:18pm

Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 4, 6:45pm at Rasmussen College

Program

- Video and personal demos of grounding systems

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Aspinwall, WB9RND
2016 WVRA Secretary