

The November 2016 Membership Meeting of the Wisconsin Valley Radio Association was held on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at Rasmussen College. President Joe Schoebel, KD9CJX, called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

Treasurer's Report – Wendy, KC9VIO

- Savings = \$565.16
- Checking = \$2585.75
 - Waiting for FOX Tower rent check to clear
 - See attached report for transaction history

Secretary's Report – Bob, WB9RND

- Minutes from the October Membership meeting were reviewed and approved

ARES / RACES Report – Michael, KB9VBR

- Next meeting on 11/28, 7p at State Patrol HQ
- There will be no December meeting

Vice President's Report – Michael, KB9VBR

- Completed ID badges were distributed
- Michael will take ID photos after the meeting
- WVRA fundraising calendars were available to take and sell

Old Business

- JOTA, 10/15, report by Jack, N9LIA
 - Approximately 30 Scouts signed in
 - About 10 expressed interest in obtaining the Radio Merit Badge
 - Will see if some promotion can be combined with the next VE session
 - WVRA received a recognition plaque for our participation
 - The vertical antenna and tripod that were used have been donated to the club by Mike – KB9DED and Bob – W9VBX.
- Halloween Patrol, 10/31
 - There were several clown sightings, none too suspicious
 - No pumpkin fatalities were observed
 - Jack and Bob encountered a fire call that turned out to be a false alarm
- Calendars
 - Printing costs are typically offset by commercial sponsorships
 - Available for 'consignment' sales on the honor system
 - On-line ordering will be available soon
- The 2017 WVRA Event Schedule was approved
 - Not included: Badger State games, Wausau Balloon rally
 - Michael will post on the web site soon
- December meeting
 - White Elephant Gift Exchange – Must be wrapped and able to be hand-carried
 - Also featuring Ham Jeopardy
 - Bring your December QST. Megan will host an autograph party of her photo for a donation to the club
 - Also, Emma Schaefer, KC9YGJ, from Oshkosh has an article published on the use of Hams at the EAA Air Venture
 - Bring treats if you wish

New Business

- Planning on having a Tech Class in January, 14-15
 - Obtained a room at State Patrol Headquarters
 - Will use the ARRL curriculum
 - Topics will be dividing up amongst club members
 - Being promoted in local papers and other community locations with links to on-line study resources
 - Will include a VE session on Sunday
- Repeaters
 - 442.775, PL 113.8 in Merrill is now on the air as part of a linked system
 - includes IRLP
 - used as a secondary system for Green Bay WX service

Motion to adjourn: 7:06pm

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

Program

- Homebrew/project night

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Aspinwall, WB9RND
2016 WVRA Secretary