

The January 2017 Membership Meeting of the Wisconsin Valley Radio Association was held on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at Rasmussen College. President Joe Schoebel, KD9CJX, called the meeting to order at 6:47 PM.

Treasurer's Report – Wendy, KC9VIO

- Savings = \$565.66
- Checking = \$2607.57
  - Tower rent check is still outstanding
  - See attached Treasurer's Report for more details

Secretary's Report – Bob, WB9RND

- November and December Meeting minutes were distributed, read and accepted

ARES / RACES Report – Michael, KB9VBR

- Next A/R Meeting – Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm at Wausau State Patrol headquarters
  - This is the Annual Meeting of record

Vice President's Report – Michael, KB9VBR

- WVRA website
  - Will add info on Langlade County repeaters
  - Calendar ordering information is up
  - Calendar of PSEs to be updated
- Calendars
  - Will be going to the Waukesha hamfest
- Approximately half of calendars remain

Old Business

- Goal is to sell 75% of calendars by February
- Tech class prep – Jan 14-15
  - Slides have been converted to pdf for more universal use
  - One more presenter needed to teach the Circuits section
    - N9MIX has volunteered
  - Approximately 70 have registered
  - Invitation has been sent to Scout Masters in the area
- Badger State Games X-Country Ski event
  - Hasn't received a reply back from the organizer. Will attempt to reconnect to be included in future planning, meetings
    - Need EMT radios, route map, etc.
  - Have 6 Ops signed up, could use 2-3 more minimum
  - At this time, arrive at Nine Mile Chalet ~7a for 8a start. Runs until ~2p.
- EAR and HOTY Awards
  - Nominations are closed

New Business

- Dennis, Past President of the Langlade County Radio Association, attended
  - Pondered offering remaining funds to support the station at the hospital, but the hospital no longer wanted a station there
  - Club officers decided to transfer the balance to WVRA instead
  - WVRA Treasurer will account for those funds separately

- Repeater IDs are now set to W9SM
- Equipment documentation has been given to Mark, N9MEA
- .310 system may be linked via internet
- .255 system recently moved to new State Patrol tower
- Tom, N9UDA
  - Trying to establish a north woods HF Net but conditions are not good
  - Requesting use of one of the Antigo repeaters
    - To be regional rather than club-specific
    - Informal format
    - Good coverage into Vilas County, Oneida County EOC, Shawano and Oconto Counties
    - Could be used for Green Bay area Weather Nets
    - Request will be discussed by the WVRA Board
    - Tom will present the idea to his local club, too
- WVRA Trailer tires
  - Should be manageable with newly acquired funds
- Event calendar
  - WVRA Fox Hunt
    - Landed on Sat., April 1 to avoid Madison Swapfest, Easter weekends
    - New meeting program ideas
      - tape measure beam antenna for direction finding
      - Fox Hunting techniques
  - WVRA Spring Banquet
    - Saturday, March 18, location TBD
  - Wisconsin QSO Contest – Sun., March 12
  - WVRA Officer nominations due for April election
    - Contact Jack, N9LIA

Motion to adjourn: 7:30pm

Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 7, 2017, 6:45pm at Rasmussen College

Program

- Open discussion

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Aspinwall, WB9RND  
2016 WVRA Secretary