

The February 2018 General Meeting of the Wisconsin Valley Radio Association was held on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at Rasmussen College. Vice President Michael Martens, KB9VBR, called the meeting to order at 6:48 PM.

Treasurer's Report – Wendy, KC9VIO

- Savings = \$3105.42
- Checking = \$2708.37
- Approved as presented

Secretary's Report – Bob, WB9RND

- Minutes from the January 2 General meeting were offered
- Approved as published

Vice President and ARES / RACES Report – Michael, KB9VBR

- WVRA Website
  - o January minutes were posted
  - o Events through April are listed
    - Send new event info to Michael, KB9VBR
- Next ARES/RACES meeting
  - o Mon., 2/26, 7pm at State Patrol Headquarters
- Skywarn Spotter training
  - o Wed., March 21 at UWMC, Room 233

Old Business

- Calendars
  - o New sales of \$40, previous sales of \$390
  - o Still have several available for sale
- Badger State Games – Sat., 1/27
  - o Jack recognized the Ham volunteers
  - o Having a main and backup repeater system was helpful
    - Some trouble using the 145.370 system – no audio throughput
  - o Some issues to work out
    - Clarify bib colors/numbers
    - Unannounced Adaptive Skier events
    - More injuries due to icy conditions – several transports
- Tech Class – Sat/Sun, Jan 20/21
  - o 7 new Techs, 1 new Tech upgraded to General right away
- Officer nominations
  - o Elections at the April 3 General meeting
  - o All officers except President have accepted re-nomination

New Business

- WVRA Banquet
  - o Yet to confirm Sconni's on Sat., March 17
- APRS Workshop
  - o Sat., April 21 ~8a-12n
  - o State Patrol HQ Conference Room
  - o Those wanting to buy an OpenTracker need to send in their order by March 31

- Possible tour of NBC15 after April 7 MARA Swapfest
  - o Need to RSVP to Bob, WB9RND, by March 31

Events

- Year long Grid Square Event
  - o Submit using Logbook of the World as W9NA
  - o Setup a Special Event Station at the 45W/90N marker
    - Counts as four grid squares – EN44, 45, 54, 55
    - There's a new path to the actual marker
    - Perhaps April 28 or May 19?
- Wisconsin Parks On The Air
  - o Being arranged by club in Appleton
  - o WVRA could operate from Rib Mountain, Council Grounds

Motion to adjourn, 7:22pm

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

Program to follow:

- Show and tell, Tony: SDR

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Aspinwall, WB9RND  
2017 WVRA Secretary