

WISCONSIN VALLEY RADIO ASSOCIATION

Membership Meeting Minutes

The June 2019 General Meeting of the Wisconsin Valley Radio Association was held on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at Rasmussen College. President Brent Schaefer, K9MIX, called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Secretary's Report - Amber, KD9KKY

- Minutes from the June 4, 2019 General Meeting were mentioned.
- Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report - Wendy, KC9VIO

- Savings = \$4,123.28
- Checking = \$1,937.54
- Donation of \$150 to St. Anthony Spirituality Center
- Motion approved.

ARES / RACES Report - Michael, KB9VBR

- Next meeting is on 8/26/19 at 7 PM at the State Patrol building in Rib Mountain.
- The Simulated Emergency Test (SET) will be on 10/5/19.
- ARES - RACES Conference is scheduled on 10/19/19.

Net Report - Bob, WB9RND

- On average, 6-10 member call in to weekly Net.
- Audio News lasts ~10 minutes
- Bob is also looking for volunteers that can help with doing the Net 1x / month.

Old Business

- Field Day - Brent, K9MIX

- Club had gotten 1388 points from Field Day.
 - We were running 3 Alpha, not 5 Alpha.
 - Club equipment was needed to score Club points.
 - Question of having some personal equipment vs. all club equipment.
 - This will need to be decided ahead of time on how we are proceeding.
 - Of those that tested, there was: 2 licensed up from Technician, 1 passed Technician, and another passed all 3.

- Extra Class - Joe, KD9CJX

- 6 confirmed members
- Class changed to be on Thursdays, instead of Wednesdays, starting 9/4.
- The exam date is on 10/26/19 (Saturday) morning.

- Mosinee Hill - Mark, N9MEA

- All equipment needs to move from its current tower to one or two of Northway's other towers.
 - The loading capacity of the tower cannot handle both our equipment and cell company's.
 - We will be utilizing some people from a tower company in Menominee.
 - A date is being worked on at this time.

- Estimate to take a weekend to take equipment down and maybe 2 weekends to put back up.
- We can start moving things prior to the expected date.
- Possibly after the Wausau Marathon as the 706 is on that tower and being used that date.
- Will need volunteers to help.

- Repeaters - Mark, N9MEA

- The generator for the 255 repeater in Langlade didn't start after an outage and was down for 2-3 days.
- The 135 repeater in Dancy was also down.
 - The generator there did start and ran for ~1 hour before overheating due to a mouse nest.
- The Bevent tower was struck by lightning, taking some other equipment out.
 - Our equipment at that tower doesn't appear to be effected, except possibly a fried power supply.

Picnic - Brent, K9MIX

- 8 members attended: Brent, Bob, Wendy, Mike, Chris, Jim, Keith, and Amber.
- Mike, WB9DED, brought his portable set-up to show.

New Business

- Wausau Marathon - Jack, N9LIA

- Marathon is on Saturday, 8/24.
- Will be using 145.37 as the primary repeater for this event. 706 is the back-up repeater.
 - Works okay along the course with HTs.
- Townline Rd. and Thomas St. are affected by construction. Will affect runners, but shouldn't us so much.
- Net Control will be at Marathon Park.
- The race itself starts at 7 PM on Saturday.
 - We will set up on Friday PM.
 - Members location will determine the time they need to be there.

- Net Ops Needed - Bob, WB9RND

- Bob is still looking for volunteers that can help with doing the Net 1x / month.

- New Equipment - Brent, K9MIX

- Radios, antenna analyzer, and SWR 40

- 85th Anniversary

- Discussion of what we want to do.
 - Keep it local vs. special event station?
 - Will want to decide soon.

- QSO Party - Joe, KD9CJX

- Had 6,120 points.

- Multi-transmitter and multi-repeater, fixed.

Motion to adjourn, 6:54 pm

- Motion passed.

Next General Meeting - Tuesday, August 3, 2019 starting at 6:30pm at Rasmussen College.

Program

- There was only 1 Ask the Experts question, so question was answered.

- Show & Tell.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Kraft, KD9KKY

2019 WVRA Secretary