



# 2023 Quarter Three Membership Meeting Minutes

July 25th, 2023 7:00 pm

*Sturtevant Police Department Training Room*

*2801 89<sup>th</sup> Street, Sturtevant, WI. 53177*

I. Call to order

II. Roll call/Introductions – Name / Call / Location

Call	Name	In Person / Online
AA9DR	John Anderson	In Person
AF9Q	Matt Zajac	In Person
K9PJC	Peter Czechorski	In Person
K9SO	Frederick Glenn	In Person
KB9JPN	Paul Anderson	In Person
KC9JOB	Jeff Whalin	In Person
KC9QV	Kenneth Rugaber	In Person
KC9UJO	Rick Cannon	In Person
KD1Z	Bill Erdmann	Online
KD9FGF	Sean Marschke	In Person
KD9KHV	Bryan Clemente	In Person
KD9SSY	Pierre Porter	Online
KD9YPK	John Stacie	In Person
N9AZA	Bernie Leonard	In Person
N9CBS	Curt Smith	Online
N9CGW	Cole Weiss	In Person
N9LTA	Randal Reusser	In Person
N9OIG	Kevin Drissel	In Person
N9PYA	Dwayne Devore	In Person
N9SEB	Steven Brown	In Person
NP2I	Dave Wyatt	In Person
WB9COW	Robin Mather	In Person
W9GDT	Glenn Trapp	In Person
W9GTH	Gregory Holding	In Person
KC9UPR	Matthew Jurantich	In Person



### III. Secretary's report: Matt AF9Q

- A. Approval of minutes from the last meeting held on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as emailed to the membership on 7/21/2023.

*Ken - KC9QV raised a consent with the paragraph "9" point "a" of the meeting minutes from the 2023 Quarter Two Membership Meeting. Ken was concerned that the following sentence violates Robert's Rules of Order: "New business shall be discussed at the meeting and moved to the following meeting's "Old Business" section, if vote is necessary. " Ken's concern was that because of this we would not be able to vote on the "New business" agenda items at this meeting. Discussion was carried out where Ken explained his point and members considered removing the statement from the meeting minutes or clarifying the intent of the statement. Greg - W9DTH brought up a point that the meeting minutes reflect what has happened at the meeting. If members feel that changes are necessary, those should be proposed as an amendment to the bylaws and voted upon as prescribed by the bylaws.*

*Steve - N9SEB has made a motion to accept the minutes as posted, seconded by Fred - K9SO. All in favour, minutes were approved.*

#### B. LRA Membership stats:

- a. There are 109 active members in the club

### IV. Treasurer's report: Dave NP2I

*Dave - NP2I*

*Income - there were a few new members and few renewals as well as a contribution from Amazon Smile which is now discontinued.*

*Expenses - Tower rental fee, PO BOX and equipment insurance.*

*Full report available by request from the Treasurer.*

*Rick - KC9UJO raised a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Bernie - N9AZA. Vote all in favour, motion approved.*

*Dave - NP2I announced desire to retire effective at the next meeting on October 31st. Dave offered to teach and prepare a candidate for the treasurer position until October 31st.*

### V. Technical Director's report : Kevin N9OIG



*Kevin - N9IOG - All repeaters are in good working order. Dave - NP2I said he noticed that the 2m repeater has a poor reception and asked if there's anything wrong with the 2m repeater. Kevin - N9IOG said that he is not aware of any problems but promised to check.*

*Fred - K9SO asking about additional receive site that was mentioned in the previous meeting. Kevin explained that this will be a manually voted receive site with PL tone different from the main repeater. The receive and transmit frequency will stay the same but one will have to use a different PL tone. The receiver will be located in Wallworth county and connected to the main repeater via AllStar. The equipment will be donated to LRA and Kevin needs to set up a time to get out to the site and set it up.*

### VI. Trustee's Report: Robin WB9COW

*Robin - W9COW is now officially the trustee in FCC records. Information at the repeater and the receiver sites need to be updated to reflect the change.*

### VII. Vice President's report: Fred K9SO

*Fred - K9SO put out a call for member's projects and pictures to be included in the newsletter.*

### VIII. Committee reports:

#### A. Skywarn – Bernie-N9AZA

*Bernie - N9AZA - the NET participation is sparse and we need more HAMs to participate in the severe weather Net on Thursday at 6pm from August 3rd on the 2m repeater.*

#### B. Director Emeritus - Gene WB9ZKY

*Not present*

**\*\*\* The MIA Committee section below was added at the meeting:**

#### C. MIA Committee - Steve N9SEB

*Steve - N9SEB - Malicious Interference Abbrigation committee is meeting every other week, members are participating in the Fox Hunting. The committee is listening and gathering information on intentional and unintentional interference. Once enough data is collected, the case will be handed over to the club officers for disciplinary action. Steve explained the current problem where someone is kerchunking the repeater, plays DTMF tones or rubs the microphone. The nature of the interference*



*appears to be intentional. Something that the club members can do to help is to switch the radio to listen on the input frequency and remove the antenna to see if they are still receiving the signal and report their finding to Steve.*

IX. President's report: Dwayne N9PYA

*Dwayne - N9PYA. Picnic on August 6th in North Park in Sturtevant from Noon to 4pm.*

X. Old Business

*No old business to discuss.*

XI. New Business

A. **Fred, K9SO** - Membership question if there is member support to add a D-STAR repeater at our repeater site

*Fred - K9SO - Few members approached Fred asking if there is any interest in adding a D-STAR or Fusion repeater to our network. There is a huge amount of effort that needs to be done including getting frequency allocations and obtaining necessary equipment. Fred is asking if the club members are interested in undertaking this effort to add a new repeater. Rick - KC9UJO expressed interest in adding the D-STAR repeater. Steve - N9SEB asked about the DSTAR repeater that is run by Tom Burger - KA9KJE. Dwayne - N9PYA has asked Tom about this and Tom said that the equipment they are running costs about \$3,000.00.*

B. **Ken, KC9QV** - Discussion on the Bylaws amendment to article three paragraph number 5.

*Ken - KC9QV has proposed an amendment to the bylaws article 3 paragraph number 5. The proposed amendment was submitted to the LRA officers immediately after the April 25th Quarterly Membership meeting was adjourned. Ken has explained that the board meeting was called on Friday July 25th, to vote on the resolution regarding proposed changes. The resolution that was voted on was not presented at the meeting. The board has sent out an email to the club members advising that the board does not recommend acceptance of the proposed amendment and that the explanation will be provided at the quarterly meeting.*

*Dwayne - N9PYA - there was a miscommunication This was a meeting that was called following a discussion that happened on prior Monday where board members discussed whether to support the amendment, therefore there was no written resolution and the vote was to whether to support the amendment. Reason why the board does not support the amendment is because as it is written (see the proposed amendment that was included in the meeting packet and sent out prior to the*



*Membership meeting. Copy of the proposed amendment is also available from Secretary upon request by email to: [secretary@kr9rk.com](mailto:secretary@kr9rk.com))*

*Fred - K9SO - the bylaws currently state that the board and the Membership currently has a veto power over this particular item. The proposed amendment essentially emasculates the board by removing their veto power. Fred asked Steve - N9SEB to explain the reason why there were the checks and balances written in the original article of the bylaws. Steve - N9SEB explained that the checks and balances were discussed at depth by the Bylaws Committee. There was a scenario where people came in with the agenda which they wanted to have, brought their friends who voted for it and got it to pass. This is correct but in case where a similar situation occurs where members want to have a new 220 repeater added, vote on it and get it to pass, officers would be able to veto the proposal if the club is not able to obtain permissions or resources needed. The checks and balances also work the other way where the officers can't take action without membership approval. Ken brought up the point that the officers would get the vote twice, once as members of the club and again as officers.*

*Fred - K9SO - the board recommends a "no" vote to that proposal. Clarification that the "yes" vote accepts the amendment and removes the checks and balances from the bylaws.*

*Vote was taken and the proposed amendment failed 8 to 1. There were 8 votes against with one vote for the amendment.*

*New business from the floor.*

*Steve - N9SEB proposed that the board appoints a Parliamentarian.*

*Bernie - N9AZA has made a motion that board appoints Greg - W9GTH as a Parliamentarian, motion was seconded by Steve - N9SEB. Greg accepted the position and the board unanimously voted to appoint Greg - W9GTH as a parliamentarian.*

*Another new business brought up by Steve - N9SEB.*

*Steve feels that Ken - KC9QV brought up a good point that the officers get to vote twice, once as members and again as the officers, may be worth discussing further. Greg - W9GTH agrees that this is worth exploring. Glenn - W9GDT also expressed interest in resolving this issue. Kevin - N9OIG clarified that the amendment pertains specifically to new functionality of the repeater system.*

**XI Other Club announcements**

**A. KA9OIL – Dan Miller, Megacycle Club , QCWA ?**

*Not present*



### B. KA9KJE-TOM /K9EVA-ED, RKARES

*The combined LRA/RKARES NET on the .27 and 442 repeater will be held as usual on every third Wednesday*

### C. AF9Q- Foxhunt news

*Last Saturday we had a great Fox Hunt with two transmitters, one supplied by Jeff - KC9JOb and one by Matthew - KC9UPR. Thank you to all who participated.*

*There will be a 2m transmitter hidden at the picnic so please bring your HTs antennas or other equipment to the picnic.*

## XII. Adjournment

Reminder - next quarterly meeting will be elections for the secretary, vice president and the treasurer.