



2023 Quarter Two Membership Meeting Minutes

April 25th, 2023 7:00 pm

Sturtevant Police Department Training Room

2801 89th Street, Sturtevant, WI. 53177

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call/Introductions – Name / Call / Location

Call Sign	Name
AA9DR	John Anderson
AF9Q	Matt Zajac
K9PJC	Peter Czechorski
K9WBT	Bruce Taylor
KA9OIL	Dan Miller
KC9MTE	Mike Ehermann
KC9QV	Kenneth Rugaber
KD1Z	Bill Erdmann
KD9FGF	Sean Marschke
KD9OZG	Scott Cegla
N9AZA	Bernie Leonard
N9CGW	Cole Weiss
N9LTA	Randal Reusser
N9OIG	Kevin Drissel
N9PYA	Dwayne Devore
N9SEB	Steven Brown
W2WAY	Mike Waschbisch
WB9ZKY	Gene Haney
N9JOS	Joe Seifert
WB9COW	Robin Mather

- III. Secretary's report: Matt AF9Q
 - A. Approval of minutes from the last meeting held on October 25th, 2022, as emailed to the membership on 4/11/2023.



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Motion was made to approve minutes as published. Voted and approved.

B. LRA Membership stats:

- a. There are 103 active members in the club

C. Website.

- a. Working on the membership website where we can have content that is available only to the club members.

IV. Treasurer's report: Dave NP2I

Treasurer's report available upon request. Treasurer

V. Technical Director's report : Kevin N9OIG / new Walworth county RX site for UHF repeater

All repeaters are up and running. We're in the process of cleaning up and organising cabinets. Work is being done on the experimental receiver site in Walworth County for UHF. Initially it would be a manual change where people have to pick a different PL tone to use it. The goal is to get the automatic voting working. Mike W2WAY had several technical questions that were answered and explained by Kevin - N9IOG. Discussion was about the ability to use the voting receivers for emergency communications. This aspect will be addressed in the future.

VI. Vice President's report: Fred K9SO

Not present

VII. Committee reports:

- A. The By-Laws Committee has completed their work and disbanded.

Steve - N9SEB: Work was completed and the committee disbanded.

- B. Skywarn – Bernie-N9AZA

Bernie - A9AZA is working with Dwayne - N9PYA on the SKYWARN putting together severe weather practice nets on .27. Everybody is welcome to join the net, not necessarily the club member or a spotter.

- C. Director Emeritus - Gene WB9ZKY

No changes, the receiver site in Franksville is working correctly.

- D. Allstar Committee Chair Report: Kevin - N9OIG



Kevin - N9IOG: AllStar has been linked with the UHF repeater. There is some traffic from the club members and increased traffic on the Happy Hour net with check-ins from different states and different countries.

VIII. President's report: Dwayne N9PYA

Dwayne - N9PYA and Kevin - N9IOG worked with Mike - W2WAY on the receiver site at the Kenosha hospital where they inventoried LRA equipment.

IX. Old Business

A. Membership comments on new Allstar modes

Membership questions and comments:

Bruce - K9WBT: It has been great to have the AllStar node and wants to remind everyone to disconnect from other nodes before connecting to the 442 node to avoid bringing the traffic

Mike - W2WAY - asking for a different choice of tone for the crosslink. Kevin agreed that it could be toned down a little bit and he will look into that.

Steve - N9SEB reminded everyone about the order of connections. The RF transmissions will take precedence over the AllStar traffic.

X. New Business

- A. **Matt, AF9Q** - Members vote on proposed bylaws replacing those currently in effect. New bylaws would take effect immediately after the close of the meeting if approved.

Thanks to Steve - N9SEB, the committee members and Joe - N9JOS for their work on updating and amending the new Bylaws.

Mike - W2WAY made a motion to accept the bylaws as amended, motion was seconded and voted on and passed.

- B. **Dwayne, N9PYA** - Announcement of expulsion of KD9SAW and his prohibition of repeater use.

Dwayne - N9PYA has informed members of the club parting ways with Fred - KD9SAW and offered more details if contacted directly.

- C. **Fred, K9SO** -Volunteers needed to help at Lyons Freefest June 10. Send emails to Fred Glenn K9SO. They are not asking for much, just a bit of cleanup after the event.



Matt - AF9Q: Lyons Freefest - volunteers are needed to help with the cleanup after the Fest. Persons interested in helping, please contact Fred - K9SO at vp@kr9rk.com

- D. **Fred, K9SO** - Organization of 2023 Field Day event. If we are to hold one, a leader is needed. This was brought up during the last meeting. We need someone to help organise the event. Taste of Field Day or team up with W9UDU? We need a Chairperson.

Dwayne - N9PYA: 2023 Field Day event. Volunteers are needed if LRA is to organise an event. Persons interested in helping, please contact Dwayne - N9PYA at president@kr9rk.com

- E. **Steve, N9SEB** - Discussion of new MIA committee.

Steve - N9SEB - Talked about Malicious Interference Abrogation Committee purpose. Board has approved \$150 for direction finding equipment but so far the members have purchased the equipment on their own.

- F. **Fred, K9SO** - Should the monthly Foxhunts be officially sanctioned by LRA?

Dwayne - N9PYA - Asking members for feedback whether to have LRA officially sponsor the monthly fox hunt. Ken - KC9QV has raised a question whether the club's liability insurance covers such events. Dan - KA9OIL provided more details and history of the fox hunt organised by Racine Megacycle. Consensus was that LRA's sanction depends on the club's liability insurance coverage.

- G. **Fred, K9SO** - Should we propose (to LAARC) linking our VHF repeater to Elkhorn (LAARC) VHF repeater to create a wider area coverage network to the west?

Dwayne - N9PYA The LAARC club from Elkhorn, would like to connect to the .27 repeater for the Happy Hour net via AllStar. Consensus was that we'll have the LAARC connect on a temporary basis and if no issues are found this will be made permanent.

- H. **Kevin, N9IOG** - Motion to approve the investigation of a Walworth County receive site for UHF

Discussion. Mike - W2WAY expressed concern that the remote receiversite would be too far from the main repeater to provide adequate coverage. Kevin - N9IOG explained that there is coverage in that area. Steve - N9SEB made a motion to investigate a receive site for UHF repeater in Walworth county. Bernie - A9AZA seconded, all votes in favour and motion has passed.

- I. **Matt, AF9Q** - Clarification regarding Quarterly Membership meeting:



- a. Club members can submit items for the agenda via email to secretary@kr9rk.com or to President@kr9rk.com two weeks before the meeting. Those items will be added to the "New business" section, with the person's name and call sign. Items submitted at the meeting that are not on the agenda, will be discussed in the "New Business" section during the meeting and noted in the meeting minutes. New business shall be discussed at the meeting and moved to the following meeting's "Old Business" section, if vote is necessary. - This is to give members not present at the meeting a chance to review minutes and participate in the following meeting before a decision is made.
- b. New members are welcome to attend and will be officially added to the Club roster at the end of the meeting.

Other Club announcements:

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

QCWA chapter 162 is still dormant. Persons interested in running the Southeast Wisconsin QCWA chapter 162 please contact Dan - KA9OIL

Dan - KA9OIL talked about the Racine Megacycle club. Anyone wishing to join the club, please contact Dan.

The Racine Megacycle Freefest 2023 will take place on August 12 at Greater Racine Kennel Club 6320 6 Mile Rd, Racine, WI 53402

B. KA9KJE-TOM /K9EVA-ED, RKARES

Dwayne - N9PYA: Tom wasn't able to attend. The RKARES is looking for volunteers for the Wisconsin Marathon. Persons interested in volunteering go to rkares.org for details and volunteer registration.

C. AF9Q- Foxhunt news

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.