

WNA Meeting Dec. 2, 2023

Meeting of the Wisconsin Nets Association, Ltd. was called to order by NX9K at 12:23 PM on 7267 KHz. The purpose of the WNA was reviewed.

Roll: Chair: NX9K, Secretary pro temp: K9LGU, Treasurer: N9VC, Members-at-Large: WB9ICH, KA9BAE SM: KC9FXE, STM: K9LGU, ASTM: N9VC.

BWN: AG9G - DELEGATE

BEN: NX9K/NM

WSBN: AG9G/NM

WSSN: K9LGU-DELEGATE -

WIN/E: WB9ICH/NM -

WIN/L: W9RTP/NM -

WARES HF: WB9WKO/NM

WARES VHF: NONE

WARES DIGITAL: NONE

VISITORS: WJ9L, KB9IME, AC9F, AC9XN

K9LGU: Minutes from the meeting of 09-09-23 Motion to approve minutes as published (N9VC, WB9ICH) Carried.

NX9K, Chair - The next WNA Meeting will be held on March 2, 2024, after the BEN.

Secretary's Report – K9LGU- from KB9ROB -Running smoothly. Note that there's a new NTS ARRL Web page from KW1U. NTS is getting some notice. Anyone who wants to be on mailing list for minutes contact KB9ROB.

N9VC: Treasurer's Report N9VC– Treasurer's report for Sept, Oct, and Nov 2023. A form was submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions on Oct 25th, 2023. This was the Domestic Non-Stock Corporation Annual Report. This is to keep us tax exempt. The filing fee was \$25 paid by an anonymous donation. Balance at the start of the quarter was \$350, ending balance \$350.(K9LGU, AG9G) Accepted.

KC9FXE: Section Manager Report: –

1. I always like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who make the nets what they are including management, participants and traffic handlers.

2. There's been new interest with new check-ins and NCS volunteers.

3. The nets are functioning well except for problems with the ARES/RACES VHF Net which is suffering from technical difficulties on the WECOMM system.

4. Use of the FM38 system has been suggested, but it would probably not meet the coverage specifications for a section net.
5. The famous pink card, FSD-218, on traffic handling has been reprinted and is available. Watch for it at swapfests, meetings, etc. or ask K9LGU or KC9FXE for some.
6. The section website, <https://wi-arrrl.org/>, has added volumes 2 and 3 of traffic handling hints.
7. Posting the WNA minutes on the website will give them more circulation.

K9LGU: Section Traffic Manager Report –

1. Good news. KC9FXE has secured copies of FSD-218, the famous pink card, and they are available from him or from me for your clubs and net members. We recommend a copy in your mobile, your go kit, and at every operating position, including your local EOC.
2. Through October of this year, we had 27,972 check-ins and passed 46,042 pieces of traffic on our section nets in 1,920 net sessions. That's a lot of training.
3. Net controls, don't forget on a traffic net we take care of traffic before any visiting.
4. Please remember to acknowledge check-ins. It's easy to get distracted by routing traffic, but don't forget to acknowledge everyone or they won't know if they've been heard.
5. Try to avoid overly long pauses if you're called or responding on a net. It avoids confusion. If the delay is unavoidable, a simple "Stand by" will do.
6. In passing traffic, we say figures individually – including in the preamble. So it's "two nine" not "twenty-nine." It's "one five" not "fifteen." It's "six two five" not "six hundred twenty five." We use the pro-word "figures" for numbers in the text but not for numbers in the preamble since the receiver knows what's coming next.
7. We could really use more stations as liaisons between nets – like going to or from a CW net or a 9th Region session.
8. Never hesitate to stop to explain traffic handling to those who are new at it. Our patience and encouragement will pay off.
9. Thanks to everyone who keeps our nets functioning well – net managers, net controls, traffic handlers, and everyone who checks in. We can be proud of our section nets because of you. Happy holidays, Everyone. It's a good time to send some traffic.

N9VC : Digital report. ASTM/MBO Operator The WNA operates with a fiscal year and not a calendar year. The last year totals for the MBO which includes Wisconsin, Wisconsin ARES, and North America, beginning Dec

1, 2022 and ending Nov 30 2023. TOTAL RECEIVED: 17855 TOTAL SENT: 26072 TOTAL/RCVD/SENT 43927

N9VC : ASTM Report: ASTM: Please listen to the direction of the net control. Don't assume, verify.

I am looking to modify my net and section activities. Therefore I am willing to give up the position as ASTM-WI and also some NCS duties. There are others more qualified than I. I would continue to run the MBO for Wisconsin as in the past.

The continued generation of traffic by our station and 15 stints as a net control every two weeks, plus the MBO has taken its toll. Anyone interested?

In closing, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. 73, Jim N9VC
ASTM-WI

BWN Report – AG9G - DELEGATE The Badger Weather Net met for 91 sessions during the months of September, October, and November. We had 3734 checkins, passed 5141 pieces of traffic, and used 9198 minutes to complete the nets. This gave us an average of 41 stations/day, 56 messages passed/day and the net operated for 101 minutes/day. The net usually starts around 0530 CT and ends around 0715 CT.

We have 7 net control stations to cover each day of the week. Sunday John KB9GO, Monday Lucky K9LUK, Tuesday Andy N9NBC, Wednesday Gary W9CPY, Thursday John W9IHW, Friday Dwight AG9G, and Saturday Ron WB9WKO. Lucky K9LUK is net manager and tries to keep this motley crew in line. We also have a dedicated group of Relay stations which we greatly depend on as band conditions can be poor in the early mornings and to get those early weather reports we need their relay services. The group of relay stations include Mike KC9Q, Leslie WA3QLW, Steve WR9G, John W8BI, and the biscuit and gravy guy, Jay KC9GSK.

We continue to use the format that the National Weather Service wanted us to use: Message Number, 24 Hour High temp, 24 Hour Low temp, Current temp, 24 hour water equivalent (includes melted snow) to the nearest hundredth of an inch, 24 hour snowfall to the nearest tenth of an inch, and the snow depth to the nearest half inch. We accept partial reports and fill in the missing data with an X.

All stations are welcome to check in whether you have traffic to report or not and we have several that just check in to say hi. The majority of stations are from Wisconsin but there are stations checking in from Florida to Colorado and Wyoming to Manitoba and points in between.

BEN Report – NX9K/NM The year BEN totals for Sep-Oct-Nov Stations: 855, Traffic: 964, Time: 1522 minutes in 92 Sessions. BEN for JAN - Nov 2023 Stations: 3362, Traffic: 3564, Time: 5331, Sessions: 335. Good traffic handlers here should be proud of their work.

WSBN Report – AG9G/NM The WSBN has met for 91 sessions over the last 3 months without missing a session thanks to the dedicated Net Controls who take the time to run each net. Many thanks to Kris NX9K, Jim N9VC, Jason KC9FXE, John KB9GO, Ron WB9WKO, Chuck AC9F and Gary KA9BAE for their efforts as Net Controls. Thank you to Denny K9LGU and Jim N9VC for volunteering to be liaisons to handle thru traffic to Early WIN. I also want to thank all the stations who take time and regularly check into the net each day to participate and help bring and handle traffic.

Some statistics for the last three months. These totals are very similar to the previous three month cycle. 91 Sessions, 1,352 stations checked in, 624 messages handled, 2,157 minutes in session. This averages out to the following per session: 15 stations/session, 7 messages/session, 24 minutes/session.

Chuck AC9F would like to have an alternate Net Control that he could share Saturdays with. If there are any stations that might be interested in sharing some Saturdays with Chuck let Dwight AG9G or Chuck AC9F know. We are already using this arrangement on Sundays with Kris NX9K and Gary KA9BAE alternating on Sundays.

Just a note, as we get further into winter the propagation may change enough that we lose the end of the net. If conditions warrant, we may have to start the WSBN a little earlier to make sure we are able to handle the traffic that is presented and also try to finish the net before 530pm as there is a net from down south that starts around 530pm. In the past, I think we have pushed start time up to 450pm if needed.

WSSN Report – K9LGU for KB9ROB/NM -The WSSN in November had 177 check-ins and handled 62 messages spending 369 minutes in 30 sessions. It's a great place to learn about CW net protocol at a leisurely pace.

WIN/E Report – WB9ICH/NM – Larry pointed out stats for SEP, OCT, and some NOV would be 130 check-ins, 220 messages, in 275 minutes. Oct saw 157 check-ins 228 msgs in 300 minutes. November had at least 126 check-ins, 98 messages in 281 minutes. Four reports are missing. The past year shows normal fluctuations in check-ins but the net is in good shape. Thanks to the net control, liaison stations, and all check-ins.

WIN/L Report – W9RTP/NM - Late WIN meets at 10 pm on or near 3555. No sessions have been missed. November check-ins were 187, handling 65 pieces of traffic in 294 minutes. We average 6-7 check-ins per night. The net runs 5-10 minutes. The state is well covered throughout the state. Our net preamble and protocol is standard and we

have good coverage. More net controls would be very welcome. Late WIN serves as the destination from 9RN with incoming section traffic.

ARES/RACES HF Net – WB9WKO/NM -There is good information and practice message handling on this net each Sunday. Net controls include – K9STN, KA9KJE, KC9FXE, KD9GAE, WB9WKO, and N9SD. Sep-Oct-Nov totals were 172 check-ins (yearly total now 650). Traffic was 31 bringing the yearly total to133. There were 303 minutes in those three months bringing the yearly total to 1199. The net has met 47 Sundays so far this year on 3967 at 8 AM. All operators are welcome.

ARES/RACES VHF Net – NO REPORT

WARES/RACES DIGITAL Net – NO REPORT

OLD BUSINESS – NONE

NEW BUSINESS – NONE

ADJOURNMENT – (KC9FXE, WB9WKO) Carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:07 PM .

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