

WNA Meeting Mar. 2, 2024

The quarterly meeting of the Wisconsin Nets Association, Ltd. was called to order by NX9K at 12:29 PM on 7268 KHz. The purpose of the WNA was reviewed.

Roll: Chair: NX9K, Secretary: KB9ROB, Treasurer: N9VC, Members-at-Large: WD9FLJ, WB9ICH SM: none , STM: K9LGU, ASTM: N9VC.

BWN: AG9G - DELEGATE

BEN: NX9K/NM

WSBN: AG9G/NM

WSSN: KB9ROB/NM -

WIN/E: WB9ICH/NM -

WIN/L: W9RTP/NM -

WARES HF: WB9WKO/NM

WARES VHF: NONE

WARES DIGITAL: NONE

VISITORS: W9CPY, WJ9L, KA9BAE, KC9UC, KK9D, W0BTS, K9OT

KB9ROB: Minutes from the meeting of 12-02-23. Motion to approve minutes as published (WB9ICH, K9LGU) Carried.

NX9K, Chair - The next WNA Meeting will be held on JUNE 8, 2024, after the BEN. Stations tuning up for a net were reminded not to do it on net frequency. It's disruptive and impolite to tune up on net frequency. Please do it off frequency.

Secretary's Report – KB9ROB – No correspondence to report since last meeting.

N9VC: Treasurer's Report N9VC– Balance \$350 dollars. No expenditures. (KB9ROB, WB9ICH) Accepted.

KC9FXE: Section Manager Report: – No report

K9LGU: Section Traffic Manager Report – Just a few reminders this quarter.

1. Have a system for organizing your traffic, a way to keep straight what's been sent, what's received, what's delivered, etc. Mark each message so *you* can read it and keep clear lists. There should be a copy of each message you can refer to if needed.
2. Remember not to label or identify the parts of the preamble as you send a formal message. You **do** say the word "Number" (not "figures") to begin, but then there's no need to say "station of origin," "amateur call, "with a check of," "the place of origin is." "with a date of," or "going to." Just give the data; don't introduce it.

3. When preparing for or checking in to a net, pay close attention to what's going on. Shadow the net control. Keep your own list of check-ins and traffic. Really listen to the net control. Remember the receiving station calls first.
4. Actually give the date. Don't just say "today's date." The date of an NTS message is given in the month – day format. Today would be MAR 2. ICS 213 messages are more likely to format their date as day – month – "2 MAR." Either way, the year isn't needed unless there could be confusion.
5. Before sending any traffic – proofread. Check for an accurate check and any misspelling, mathematical errors, or missing words in the text.
6. Net controls, remember to stand by frequently for check-ins during your net and recognize the check-ins each time before continuing net business.

N9VC : ASTM Report: Taking frequent stand-bys is an important part of being a good net control. I just want to thank everyone who helps make our nets the best they can be.

N9VC : Digital report. The board is running very well. Jan and Feb saw 9,917 messages pass through the board. I want to thank Dan KB9IME, Jason KC9FXE, and Denny K9LGU for their thoughts and assistance with the ARES side of the board.

BWN Report – AG9G - DELEGATE Daily operations from about 5:30 AM to 7:15 continue well due to dedicated net controls and relay stations. Last three months of 91 sessions averaged 41 check ins and 58 messages each net. Average net time is 104 minutes. Net manager K9LUK keeps track. WECOMM is used among good relays despite its linking problems.

BEN Report – NX9K/NM The stations in December there were 328 checkins with 357 messages in 524 minutes of 31 sessions. That brings the 2023 Grand totals to 3690 stations, 3921 messages in 5,855 minutes in 366 sessions. A great year! For Jan and Feb of this year, totals were stations: 722 traffic: 664 time:1038 minutes in 60 sessions.

WSBN Report – AG9G/NM – Dwight offered statistics from the 91 sessions of the last three months as 1595 stations passing 788 messages in 2342 minutes. Net sessions averaged 18 stations, 9 messages passed in about 26 minutes. Thanks to the dedicated net controls, NX9K, KA9BAE, N9VC, KC9FXE, KB9GO, WB9WKO, and AC9F. We also appreciate the heavy haulers (WJ9L and WB9WKO), and liaisons to early WIN as well as all net participants.

WSSN Report – KB9ROB/NM – The net meets daily at 6PM on 3555. We're getting out-of-state checkins, too! Thanks to N9VC, AG9G, and K9LGU for their NCS help. Feb saw 175 checkins, 56 pieces of traffic handled in 370 minutes with sessions every day. An old system of 3x5 index cards works well using color coding for keeping traffic straight. The net is doing well and welcomes all.

WIN/E Report – WB9ICH – The beginning of 2024 is like 2023. We're right on track. Thanks to the net controls and especially liaisons from SSB and to 9RN. This 7 PM net doing well on 3555.

WIN/L Report – W9RTP/NM - George reminded participants that this CW net meets at 10 PM on 3555. The Jan and February totals were 60 sessions having 386 check ins and 163 pieces of traffic in 536 minutes. We're averaging 6-9 checkins, 3 pieces of traffic and 8 minutes of net session. Digital passing of traffic adds efficiency. The traffic comes from 9RN brought by AG9G, K9LGU, KC9UC, and N9VC. Net controls are the same station plus W9RTP. Traffic is most often us relayed to the next day's side band nets. Conditions have been okay even through weekend contests. There's been no need to move to 160m so far.

ARES/RACES HF Net – WB9WKO/NM – Net meets each Sunday on 3967 at 8 AM. All are welcome. This year has logged 137 checkins, 27 messages, in 304 minutes of the 8 sessions. Great net controls are K9STN, KA9KJE, KC9FXE, KD9GAE and N9SD. Thanks to all who participate. More ECs would be especially welcome. The 4th Sunday of each month asks for what local units have been doing and shares those ideas.

ARES/RACES VHF Net – NO REPORT

WARES/RACES DIGITAL Net – NO REPORT

OLD BUSINESS – NONE

NEW BUSINESS – K9OT praised the WSSN as a great starting place for training of new Hams in learning and practicing CW and net procedures. Everyone's welcome.

N9VC noted that net time includes traffic handled digitally after the formal net session. He and KB9ROB reminded all that the NCS will slow to the speed of the station checking in. The special Q signal used on our CW nets is QJN – meaning “I have a joke for the net.”

ADJOURNMENT – (AG9G, N9VC) Carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:07 PM .

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