

## WNA Meeting JUNE 8, 2024

The quarterly meeting of the Wisconsin Nets Association, Ltd. was called to order by NX9K at 12:25 PM on 7268 KHz.

Roll: Chair: NX9K, Secretary: KB9ROB, Treasurer: N9VC, Members-at-Large: WD9FLJ, KA9BAE SM: KC9FXE, 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: K9OT, WJ9L

**KB9ROB: Minutes from the meeting of 03-02-24.** Motion to approve minutes as published (K9LGU, N9VC) Carried.

**NX9K, Chair** - The next WNA Meeting will be held on SEP 7, 2024, after the BEN.

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

**N9VC: Treasurer's Report N9VC**– Balance \$350 dollars. No expenditures. From here on out, filling incorporation forms each fall will strictly be done by email notification from the state. (WB9ICH, AG9G) Accepted.

**KC9FXE: Section Manager Report:** – First off, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for our net management team and all those who participate in the nets. Thank you for making us look as good as we are! That said, it really is a small team of amateurs who get this work done. So, remember to keep your workload to a manageable level and take a break if you need to. There's nothing wrong with that.

Step up and help each other out; generate some traffic of your own; take on some new or different tasks; learn new skills; identify and recruit new net participants and get them involved. The future of our nets depends on all of these things. And most importantly, make sure the hobby stays enjoyable for you.

**K9LGU: Section Traffic Manager Report** – STM Report - TEN  
REMINDERS FOR SENDING NUMBERS BY VOICE

1. Preface the voicing of numbers by the word, "figures," then say each figure individually.
2. Group telephone numbers – area code, exchange, last four with pauses between groups. No need to introduce each group once it's introduced as a phone number.
3. Spell out ARL numbered radiograms.
4. When a position in the preamble such as the check or date calls for a number, there's no need to introduce it with "figures" or prowords like "the check is."
5. Don't confuse the figure zero with the letter O.
6. As you voice the text, use pauses to help the receiver separate groups.
7. Numbers in the text are voiced the same with NTS or ICS213 messages, but the format for numbers for dates can be before or after the month – typically ICS before and NTS after but they don't need a proword. They both usually omit the year.
8. If a mixed group begins with a number, it's introduced with the prowords "mixed group figures."
9. For numbers within a group, each figure is NOT introduced because that would mean it's a new group.
10. The figures 73 are treated as a single group. It stands alone in a text and is counted in the check. The figures are NOT followed with the letter S.

**N9VC : ASTM Report:** N9VC and NX9K are taking break from all their extensive traffic work. They will still route traffic for others and the board will function as normal. Any problems will be addressed as they surface. Note that KC9FXE leads by example.

I want to thank Jason, KC9FXE, for covering 9RN daytime for Ron. He took the time to help and it is appreciated.

**N9VC : Digital report.** The board is running very well. **30,487** messages were handled in the last six months.

**BWN Report** – AG9G – DELEGATE – The last 3 months had 92 sessions despite the band conditions. Good net controls and relay station help. Avg 35-36 check-ins, down a little. 53-55 messages per net avg. 105 min per net.

**BEN Report** – NX9K/NM – Totals (Mar Apr May) stations 964, tfc 1048, time 1577 minutes in 92 sessions – Year-to-date totals: stations 1686, traffic 1712, time 2615 minutes in 152 sessions.

**WSBN Report** –AG9G /NM

As we all know the sun has been playing havoc with the nets and the WSBN has not been spared. Thanks to all the WSBN members and friends for being patient as we try to work around the band conditions. The conditions make for a lot of work for the Net Control Stations to run the net but with stations helping with relays we are able to get most participants checked in and any traffic handled. Thanks to all the NCS for doing what they can to keep the net functioning during these times. Special thanks to NX9K, N9VC, K9LGU, W9RNA and others with assisting with relays. Amazingly we recorded a net session every day although a couple of them only had a QNI of one which was the net control.

Since the WSBN is a traffic net thanks to all who are willing to bring and handle traffic. WJ9L and WB9WKO are our heavy haulers as they bring the traffic destined for Wisconsin to the WSBN. They usually receive this traffic on the BEN from N9VC who along with K9LGU are usually the Sideband reps on Late WIN. If the traffic is not handled on the BEN it is then presented on the WSBN. This is all part of the NTS cycle that runs each day.

Thanks to all the NCS who are willing to swap nets and help each other out. With summer comes vacations and other events which require some changes to the normal schedule and I appreciate all who are willing to help out.

Here are our numbers for the last 3 months. With the band conditions as such there was a drop of over 100 checkins between March and May but the amount of traffic handled pretty much stayed the same.

The 3 month totals since the last WNA meeting follows

QNI 1368 /per day 15

QTC 868 / per day 9

QTR 2034 minutes /per day 22 mins

Sessions 92

Thanks again to all the NCS and participants for sticking with the net even though the band has not been good to us.

Dwight AG9G.

**WSSN Report** – KB9ROB/NM –

Net meets daily at 6pm local time. Severe propagation conditions and weather has reduced check-in's and traffic. Relays are often needed. The last few days before this report has seen a few of the regular stations returning to the net.

May monthly report as follows:

Check in 123, Traffic 60, Time 380 minutes in 31 session

**WIN/E Report** WB9ICH/NM - Traffic has dropped off a little. Thanks to the net controls. Conditions challenging. NM will be on net more often during the summer.

**WIN/L Report** – W9RTP/NM -

Net on 3555 KHz every night. Duration on average 5 minutes depending on traffic. We have liaisons that cover duties of bringing traffic to the net from 9RN/LATE. Also liaisons will pick up and take traffic to the voice nets the next day.

NET Control Line-up

Sun AG9G

Mon K9LGU

Tues KC9UC

Wed N9VC

Thur N9VC

Fri W9RTP

Sat W9RTP

We cover for each other during absences. Check-ins and traffic is down a little for May. Month of May saw check-ins 165, traffic 168, time 277 minutes.

Comments heard at Dayton was Wisconsin is a leader in traffic and net activity. The Wisconsin infrastructure is a sound one.

**ARES/RACES HF Net** – WB9WKO/NM – Net meets each Sunday on 3967 at 8 AM. All are welcome. May saw 45 check ins, 13 pieces of tfc, 112 minutes in 4 meetings. Year-to-date shows 329 checkins, 82 messages, in 719 minutes on 21 Sundays.

**ARES/RACES VHF Net** – NO REPORT

**WARES/RACES DIGITAL Net** – NO REPORT

**OLD BUSINESS** – NONE

**NEW BUSINESS** – Please fix the propagation.

**ADJOURNMENT** – (KC9FXE, KB9ROB) Carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:02 PM .

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